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PLA TROOPS OUT OF FACE-OFF SITES

In line with the first phase of the disengagement process from friction points in eastern Ladakh, China's PLA on Thursday completed moving back its troops from the face-off sites in Gogra and Hot Springs, sources said. Meanwhile, the fourth round of Corps Commander-level talks may take place in the next two-three days. **P9**

8 mantris, 8 babus for B'luru Covid fight

To be in charge of all the 8 BBMP zones in the city; Contingency Fund limit enhanced to Rs 500 cr

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa inspects a ward at the Covid Care Centre at BIEC in Bengaluru on Thursday. The centre, which is scheduled to open next week, will be the biggest facility in the country for asymptomatic Covid-19 patients.

ANUSHA RAVI @Bengaluru

STEPPING up efforts to tackle the increasing number of Covid-19 cases in Bengaluru, the State Cabinet on Thursday decided to have ministers in charge of each BBMP zone in the city. It also approved enhancing the Contingency Fund limit to Rs 500 crore in the wake of the pandemic.

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J C Madhuswamy said one minister will be given charge of each of the eight zones to oversee containment measures. By Thursday evening, State Chief Secretary T M Vijaya Bhaskar appointed eight senior IAS officers to take charge of the eight zones. The officials have been empowered to not just supervise Covid-19 containment measures, but also pass orders as they deem fit to arrest the spread of the virus.

Senior IAS officers Tushar Girinath (Bengaluru East), Rajendra Kumar Kataria (West), Captain P Manivannan (Bommanahalli), Navin Raj Singh (Yelahanka), Munish Moudgil (Bengaluru South), Dr N Manjula (Mahadevapura), Dr P C Jaffer (Dasarahalli) and Dr R Vishal (RR Nagar) have been appointed as executive chiefs. **P7**

Bengaluru Urban reports a spike of 1,373 cases on Thursday

Six cops in Belagavi quarantined after contact with positive suspect

Five patients with HIV recover from Covid-19 in Ballari district

Positive septuagenarian missing from Kalaburagi, traced to Nelamangala

• FULL COVERAGE P4

Door opens for Covid testing by more pvt labs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

TAKING proactive steps to ramp up the Covid-19 testing capacity in the country, the government has decided to allow non-accredited private labs — who apply for accreditation — to carry out diagnostic tests for the viral disease.

With the national test positivity rate crossing 10 — against the WHO recommended guideline of keeping it under 5 in order to contain the outbreak — low testing continues to be a major concern.

Dr Nivedita Gupta, a senior scientist at the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), said private labs have now been allowed to apply for National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) accreditation and in parallel submit their application to the ICMR to carry out Covid-19 tests.

"Private labs can complete accreditation in a month. As of today, a total of 1,132 testing labs are operational," she said. At present, more than 2.6 lakh samples are being tested for Covid-19 each day. "TrueNat and CBNAAT tests too have been deployed recently, in addition to RT-PCR and we hope to see a further rise by the use of the antigen test," Dr Gupta added.

Golfers +ve but play

Though three professional golfers continued to test positive for Covid-19, they teed off together at a PGA meet in the US. New rules allow golfers to play if at least 10 days have passed since the symptoms first appeared | **P13**

Early tracing: Board pitches 6-min walk test

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@Bengaluru

EVEN as the State Government is ramping up facilities to fight Covid-19, the Karnataka State Planning Board has suggested the 'six-minute walk test' to help identify those at risk before they are tested.

In a report, "Covid-19: Way Forward for Karnataka", prepared after holding 19 rounds of meetings with experts, the board asked the government to emulate the initiative taken up in Wardha, Maharashtra.

"Emulate the six-minute walk test for adults to shortlist those at risk," the report says, among several other suggestions. In Wardha, blood oxygen levels were measured with pulse oximeter after a six-minute walk and those with oxygen levels below 90 per cent were sent for Covid tests. **P4**

Nepal blocks Indian TV channels

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

CABLE TV operators in Nepal on Thursday banned all Indian news channels, except Doordarshan, accusing them of spreading misinformation and defaming their leaders. However, there has been no government order to this effect so far.

Nepal's Minister for Information and Broadcasting Yubaraj Khatiwada said the government would seek political and legal remedies against Indian media for disseminating news that jeopardises the nation, nationality, sovereignty and self-respect of Nepalis.

"We also request not to disseminate news that infringes on the sovereignty and self-respect of Nepalis. This includes the media of neighboring countries. We might seek both political and legal remedies," the minister said.

Nepal-India relations have been on a downward spiral since the Himalayan nation passed a constitutional amendment to include territories of Lipulekh, Limpiyadhura and Kalapani in its new map claiming them under the Treaty of Sugauli.

India, however, maintains that the territories are theirs.

The latest move also comes after a media house claimed that Nepal leaders were honey-trapped by the Chinese Ambassador to Nepal after she met them.

Cop-killer Vikas Dubey finally arrested in Ujjain

ANURAG SINGH & NAMITA BAJPAI @Bhopal/Lucknow

UTTAR Pradesh's most wanted gangster Vikas Dubey, who was on the run after he and his aides allegedly killed eight UP policemen in Kanpur last week in a deadly ambush, was on Thursday nabbed by Ujjain police. He was arrested when he came to offer prayers at the world famous Mahakal Temple on Thursday morning.

Later in the day, a team of UP police led by an Assistant SP of Special task Force reached Ujjain and took the gangster into custody. The UP police team is expected to take Dubey to Kanpur by road.

According to sources, during the initial interrogation by Ujjain police after his arrest, Dubey said he ambushed the police party in Bikru village in Kanpur fearing his own encounter at the hands of cops. He added that he had stored gallons of oil as he had planned to burn the bodies of the cops to destroy evidence. He even collected the bodies at one place, but failed to execute his plan.

Dubey also admitted to having solid links in the police department, sources said.

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EXPRESS READ

CICSE Classes 10, 12 results out today

New Delhi: The Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CICSE) will announce Classes 10 and 12 results at 3 pm on Friday, the board's secretary said.

PNB discloses ₹3.6k cr fraud in DHFL account

New Delhi: Punjab National Bank on Thursday reported a ₹3,688.58 crore fraud in an NPA account of scandal-hit NBFC Dewan Housing Finance. The disclosure came just hours after the Enforcement Directorate attached the properties of DHFL promoters Kapil and Dheeraj Wadhawan in the Yes Bank fraud case. ENS

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General public should compulsorily follow the guidelines and help in preventing the spread of COVID-19

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• **Friday** 10/07/2020 • **Year:** Sarvari • **Ayana :** Uttharayana • **Ritu:** Greeshma
• **Masa:** Ashada • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Panchami 10.49 am
• **Nakshatra:** Poorva Bhadra 5.28 am • Moon in Meena Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 10:30 am to 12:00pm
• **Gulikakala:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am • **Yamaganda:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm

WEATHER WATCH

MIN	MAX
21°C	27°C

FORECAST Light showers. Mostly cloudy

Sunrise	5.59 am
Sunset	6.50 pm
Moonrise	10.57 pm
Moonset	10.19 am

BACK TO SQUARE ONE

Forests, safaris out of bounds for tourists again

HD Kote taluk, which borders Kerala, too shut for visitors

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE state's forests and safaris had been reopened to tourists after nearly three months. However, with the increasing number of Covid cases, the local administrations of various districts have decided to prohibit the entry of tourists yet again.

Mysuru District Commissioner on Thursday ordered that HD Kote be closed to tourists. This means that Kabini backwaters and the two prime tiger reserves — Bandipur and Nagarahole — will be out of bounds for tourists.

Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram Sankar told *The New Indian Express* that these orders were issued in view of the increasing number of Covid cases and they will stay shut until further orders are issued. He said that all tourist spots, including safaris, in Mysuru district have been closed. He informed Dammanakatte, locally known as poor man's Kabini, will be shut too.

Last week, the local administrations of Chikkamagaluru, Chamarajanagar and Coorg decided to place a self-imposed lockdown, prohibiting the entry of tourists. This led to the closure of hotels, resorts and safaris in Bhadra, Bhagamandala, K Gudi and Dubare. The only tiger reserve which is open for tourists now is Kali Tiger Reserve. However, entry has been restricted for people from Bengaluru and other districts which have a large number of Covid cases.

A forest department official said, "The final decision to reopen these places, as per the health department and Disaster Management Act, rests with the local administrations. Anyhow, forest guest houses were not open for citizens even when the lockdown norms were relaxed for tourists."

Mysuru DC's orders left a lot of Bengalureans in a foul mood. Some enthusiastic wildlife lovers said this felt like Bengalureans were under a lockdown imposed by district administrations as they weren't welcome anywhere. Those travelling from Bengaluru are prohibited from entering any tourist spot in the state. "The only getaway was wildlife safaris and these too are shut for Bengalureans," said Shobhit B, a software professional and an avid traveler.

TOURISTS BANNED AT HOMESTAYS, HOTELS IN MYSURU DIST

Mysuru: As coronavirus cases are increasing every day, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G Sankar has ban banned the entry of tourists to HD Kote taluk, which borders Kerala. Resorts, hotels and homestays are restricted from extending any facilities to tourists. Abhiram has also written a letter to elected representatives to drop plans of participating in earth-breaking ceremonies and inauguration functions for some time. The DC has appealed to people to restrict any gathering to less than 20 people, that too under unavoidable circumstances. **ENS**

Public, experts flay BBMP as cases rise

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

THE BBMP, which was earlier lauded for its handling of the pandemic, is now facing the heat from people and health experts for its ineptness as the number of Covid cases in Bengaluru spiked over the past week.

"Why did the BBMP not prepare an action plan during the lockdown? It's a tragic loss of lives as manpower and logistics planning have been delayed until the surge in cases," said senior epidemiologist Dr Giridhara R Babu, who is also one of the advisors to the State government on Covid.

The BBMP has recently been reeling under the surge of cases, with residents struggling to find information about available beds in hospitals for Covid as well as non-Covid patients.

Marshals check ID cards of visitors at the BBMP head office | VINOD KUMAR

A member of the Covid task force who spoke to TNIE on condition of anonymity, said, "The BBMP has to pull up its socks. In every task force meeting, all that we hear is 'We will get everything ready in one or two days'. It has been over three months now. When will the real-time app for availability of beds be available?

Meanwhile Dr Giridhara Babu tweeted that the Udupi Dy Commissioner had shown better leadership than the BBMP. "It is time for inspiring leadership & accountability; not for excuses. Delhi, Mumbai & Chennai have shown that course corrections can help in reducing the adversities of surge in cases (sic)," he tweeted. A resident of Malleswaram and a retired doctor, Dr Ramachandra KN, said "If BBMP doesn't act soon it will be a disaster."

Meanwhile former mayor Padmavati questioned BBMP's purchase of 27 mist cannon machines, each costing about ₹53 lakh. "The existing ones are not helping as workers cannot cover many places due to the rise in Covid cases. What is the necessity to spend so much? Also, the prices they have quoted are too high," she said.

Dr Giridhara Babu said the need of the hour was an oxygen concentrator. "At ₹60,000 per piece, we can get around 2,334 good quality oxygen concentrators. It will probably save more poor people's lives," he said.

Despite several attempts, BBMP Commissioner B H Anil Kumar could not be reached for a comment.

EXPRESS READ

BMRCL takes possession of disputed land on NICE Road

The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation took possession of 6,400 sqmt of land on NICE Road. This has been a bone of contention between BMRCL and NICE Company for a few years. Channappa Goudar, General Manager, Land Acquisition, BMRCL, told TNIE that they have begun work on laying the viaducts here. The Electronics City (I) Metro station is set to come up here. The station forms a part of the R V Road-Bommasandra Line that runs via Central Silk Board and E-City. "The court is yet to give its final decision but we decided to take possession of the land and begin construction work," Goudar said. **ENS**

RGUHS to conduct PG exams on July 14

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @Bengaluru

AMID increasing number of Covid cases, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences has decide to hold its postgraduate examinations as planned, for medical, dental and AYUSH courses on July 14.

More than 2,000 doctors, who will be writing the examinations, are already in the city or in districts within the state.

Students are in the headquarters, Vice Chancellor S Sacchidanand told TNIE. "They do not have to travel much to write the examination," he said.

A nearby examination centre has been allocated for those who are not in the city but in various other districts.

In places where MCI norms make it compulsory to hold exams for eight students in one place, Dr Sacchidanand said, if a district has just three or four students and the neighbouring district has another four students, then they can be clubbed into one and students will have to travel to a neighbouring district.

Students have been made aware of Covid protocols, he said, adding that a blended approach to the examination is already being tried out.

Theory exams will be held first and then one-day practicals, which would be a combination of both online and offline, said Dr Sacchidanand.

Contact with patients will be minimised and simulation will be used in places where patients aren't available. If those are not available then students will have to discuss case scenario with the doctor — how a particular case would be handled. If examiners are not available, they will be contacted online, he added.

With the increase in the need for doctors, these examinees are likely to be pressed for Covid duties as soon as possible, said a source.

The university has rescheduled UG exams to August 25.

PLEA FOR INTERVENTION

FKCCI, 30 trade bodies ask state govt to reopen Chickpet, surrounding areas

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

OWING to the huge losses sustained by the business community and non-availability of specific spares anywhere else in the State, the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI) and 30 other trade bodies have written to the government asking for immediate intervention to reopen the commercial establishments in Chickpet and surrounding areas.

The BBMP had sealed the areas on June 24 to contain the surge in Covid-19 cases in the City during the last fortnight. Many shopkeepers had voluntarily shut shop too.

The letter, sent to Revenue Minister R Ashoka, also Covid-19 management in-charge, on Wednesday called for the withdrawal of the lockdown in KR Market, Kalasipalya, New Taragupet, Mamoolpet and surrounding areas.

C R Janardhana, FKCCI president, told TNIE, "On our request, BBMP came over and sanitised the area completely. We were hopeful of the areas reopening. But officials later told us that they can be reopened only by July 31," he said.

Chickpet has been shut for the last 14 days

"The area is a hub of trading activities, with a daily turnover of around ₹100 crore. The GST contribution per day alone comes to ₹1 crore," Janardhana said. "Many allied businesses are impacted. The spares for machinery available here are not available anywhere in the country," he said.

The letter pointed out that shopkeepers were following all precautionary measures laid down by the government to control the pandemic. "The footpath merchants are responsible for spreading the pandemic. They need to be controlled," the letter said.

BBMP could not be reached for its response.

STRIKING A BALANCE

Bengaluru Pete, the nerve centre of the city's trade, has been locked for a couple of weeks now, effectively bringing production in factories to a grinding halt. No doubt, the government has been prudent in sealing down this wholesale market, given the sudden rash of cases in the area, but this has led to glitches in the production line and supplies to retail markets, thereby impacting thousands of livelihoods. Not to mention the GST inflow to the government. Trade organisations cannot be blamed for lobbying for an early end to the lockdown here. While the business chamber is pointing fingers at street vendors for the virus spread, shopkeepers would do well to follow experts' advice on keeping the pandemic at bay. The government will have to strike a fine balance in opening up this area, while ensuring that it doesn't turn into a Koyambeedu. Choking the lifeline of commerce would be self-defeating.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

10th July: Freedom - that's what today is all about. In many small ways you'll be shrugging off routine commitments, trying to make a little more time for yourself and your personal desires. Other people may not notice at first, but when they do it may be too late - and they'll just have to accept it!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
If anything, your life is now slightly more relaxed than it was only a short time ago. Remembering that astrology is about what you do for yourself, rather than what happens to you, you may find any way you can to pamper yourself and do precisely what you want.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Partnership still holds the key to a successful day, so even if you have doubts about linking up with particular people, you should put them to one side. As you know, it takes two to tango. Actually, you might be surprised by the person who offers you the best advice.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You may spare a little time to consider your physical well-being, and do yourself a favour by lowering the level of emotional stress. It's not that tension is necessarily any greater than usual, just that this is a useful time to improve your morale.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Astrologers often fail to realise how adventurous you can be at work, including voluntary tasks, and now is the time to surprise everybody by showing that you have hidden depths and talents that colleagues never even guessed at. You might even hear something to your advantage.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Today's Solar alignments are among the most important of the month. You are likely to experience hold-ups and difficulties, but the result could be to push you into a life that is so much more worthwhile. Plus, there's little that you can't deal with by being perfectly charming.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Venus steps up its influence very soon, maintaining a relationship with several planets, including Jupiter, which will help you win friends and influence people who have never been susceptible to your charms. You can therefore afford to feel encouraged about the future!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You're at a turning point in both social and romantic affairs, although you may not see the results just yet. The key seems to be a greater desire for commitment, itself born of a need for security. Can you achieve this and maintain your independence? I think you can.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
The coming clash of aspirations will be between your private desires on the one hand, and the way you want the world to see you on the other. Try to find a middle way, reconciling family pressures with career and public ambitions. It could be easier than you think.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
It's a serious sort of a day, and you'll be in a mood to make long-term commitments. This may mean, of course, that current obligations come under scrutiny, and you might decide you're not pulling your weight. Mind you, the pleasure principle remains strong, so enjoy!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You may now day-dream and fantasise to your heart's content. The plain fact is that once you start seriously exercising your imagination, you'll begin to see the way forward through some very down-to-earth matters, like the next step in a financial venture.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Life's not always been easy, but nobody ever promised it would be! There is now a light at the end of one very long tunnel. You'll catch sight of it over the next few days, and even though it will then disappear again, it should help guide you to a successful conclusion and safe destination.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Venus' increasingly emotional status will reinforce your desire to be alone. However, if you do decide to emerge from your shell over the next couple of weeks, you will surprise yourself with your new-found confidence. You never know: you might just create the right impression on the right person!

THE PHANTOM

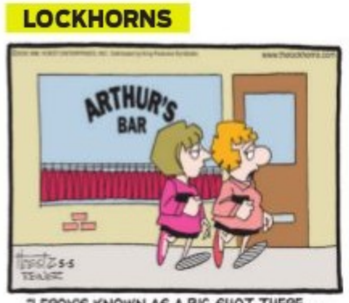
HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

LOU, THERE'S A PENNY IN THIS MEATLOAF
LEMME SEE
YEP, THAT'S A PENNY, ALL RIGHT
I COULD'VE SWORN IT ROLLED INTO THE SPAGHETTI SAUCE

LOCKHORNS



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DENNIS THE MENACE

"YOU HAD TO TALK STANDIN' UP?"

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		1					8	4
				4	9			
		5	3		1			6
							3	5
6		4				2		7
8	5							
1			6		2	9		
			1	5				
5	2					1		

EVIL

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

1	2	5	6	8	3	9	4	7
7	4	3	9	1	5	2	8	6
8	9	6	4	2	7	1	3	5
4	8	7	2	3	6	5	1	9
3	1	2	7	5	9	8	6	4
5	6	9	8	4	1	3	7	2
2	3	4	5	7	8	6	9	1
6	5	8	1	9	4	7	2	3
9	7	1	3	6	2	4	5	8

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LUHMC

LIDAY

NLISTP

REEBAW

You did it again, doctor!
I've had no complaints yet.
My face has been really clear.
THE DERMATOLOGIST'S RECORD OF SUCCESSFULLY TREATING ACNE PROBLEMS WAS ---
4/13

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: _____ (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PLUMP NAVAL ACTIVE SUBWAY
Answer: The chef refused to cook with "fake noodles" and thought the result would be — AN "IMPASTA"

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CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Bound to be performed by the ballet dancer (9)
8 Excel in striking a note (5)
9 Remarkably, one lady is on time (2,5)
10 Equality to observe in a fire-worshipper (6)
11 A track made by mountaineers (6)
12 Revelation produced by the camera (8)
15 Hip seams split by stress (8)
18 Drop a note when in difficulty (6)
20 A right squabble about the price list (6)
21 In a sense the doctor was sent back as redundant (3,4)
22 Put your name down to go in (5)
23 Successfully learning how to handle new emigrants (9)

DOWN

2 No signs of permission for recesses (5)
3 Staggered, but got in line (6)
4 Talks to many head tradesmen (8)
5 A motto put out for the vegetarian (6)
6 A fabric in dispute (2,5)
7 Not a protracted romance? (9)
11 The more there are, the fewer are there (9)
13 Get through with wine examined at the border (8)
14 Secretly carries off the liquors (7)
16 State in a loud and resolute way (6)
17 First paint book (6)
19 Quietly get the cane out, of hickory (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Hadrian, 4 Satan, 7 Rips, 8 Boulders, 10 Scrap metal, 12 Tiepin, 13 Becalm, 15 A great deal, 18 Recovery, 19 Mien, 20 Miner, 21 Regales.

Down: 1 Hares, 2 Deported, 3 Noosed, 4 Sole agents, 5 Trek, 6 Nostrum, 9 Spring over, 11 Material, 12 Tantrum, 14 Bearer, 16 Links, 17 Scan.

B Shivanna, Congress MLA of Anekal, has tested Covid-19 positive. Shivanna said he is under self-quarantine at a private facility. He is the second Congress leader after H D Ranganath who attended the oath-taking ceremony of D K Shivakumar as KPCC chief, to contract the infection

Cabinet amends Lokayukta Act

Airport in Vijayapura district and IIIT in Raichur also gets approval

ANUSHA RAVI @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka cabinet on Thursday approved an amendment to Section 9 of the Lokayukta Act that mandates completion of preliminary inquiry within 90 days.

"The chargesheet process has to be completed within six months as per this amendment," said J C Madhuswamy, Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs.

The cabinet also gave administrative approval for an airport in Vijayapura district at an initial cost of Rs 220 crore — a decision that has been applauded by politicians of the district cutting across party lines. Of this, Rs 95 crore will be set aside as initial work costs for land levelling, civil works, etc. for the airport.

The cabinet also ratified the procurement of medical equipment and furniture on an emergency basis for government-run healthcare facilities by the Health Department at a cost of Rs 81.99 crore during the Covid-19 pandemic. Following the amendment made to the APMC Act, the cabinet has reduced market cess from 1.5 per cent to 1 per cent.

The cabinet has decided to transfer the Karnataka Vidyuth Kharkane (KAVIKA) and Mysore Electrical Industries (MEI) to the administrative control of the Energy Department. Both institutions are currently under the Commerce and Industries Department. The Energy Department is directly under Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa.

The cabinet has decided to extend its PPP agreement for improvement and implementation of 'e-procurement' project at a cost of Rs 184.37 crore.

Administrative approval was given for setting up of an Indian Institute of Information Technology at Raichur at a cost of Rs 44.8 crore in four years for infrastructure.

In its bid to attract foreign investors, the cabinet has approved to rope in an India-based multinational consultancy firm as knowledge partners at a cost of Rs 12 crore plus Goods and Services Tax for one year.

The chargesheet process has to be completed within six months as per this amendment
— J C Madhuswamy, Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs

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Farewell for 16 retiring MLCs today

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AS the ruling BJP government prepares to nominate five MLCs sometime later this month, and with elections to four seats due, the Legislative Council, which has a total strength of 75, now has only 66 members.

Sixteen members have retired in two batches on June 23 and June 30 after their terms ended.

The sixteen retiring lawmakers will participate in a formal farewell and photoshoot on Friday where Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, Opposition leader Siddaramaiah, floor leaders in both the Houses and others will participate.

EXPRESS READ

HC orders survey on liquor store location

Bengaluru: The Karnataka High Court on Thursday directed a tahsildar to conduct a survey within three months to ascertain whether a liquor store 'Tonique' was permitted to function within 100 metres of a church, and the office of a deputy commissioner of police near MG Road in Bengaluru. A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice M Nagaprasanna issued the direction after hearing a PIL filed by advocate A V Amarnathan, which said that the store's location was a violation of Rule 5 of the Karnataka Excise Licences (General Conditions) Rules. ENS

Retd headmaster stabs tahsildar to death, held

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THE tahsildar of Bangarpet taluk was stabbed to death by a retired headmaster during survey of a piece of land in Thoppanahalli, on Thursday evening. **Chandra Mouleshwar** (54) was shifted to RL Jalappa Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.The accused, Venkatapathy, has been arrested.

According to KGF SP Sujeetha Salman, there was a dispute between one Rama Murthy and Venkatapathy over the land. During the survey, an argument broke out between them in the presence of Mouleshwar. When Mouleshwar tried to pacify them, Venkatapathy stabbed him with a knife and fled.

Meanwhile, CM B S Yediyurappa has announced an ex-gratia of Rs 25 lakh and a government job for the a member of Mouleshwar's family

BBMP corporator's kin ambushed, killed

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A 32-year-old realtor, nephew of a BBMP corporator, was hacked to death by a gang of miscreants at Kaggalipura on the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday. Police suspect that Vinod, a resident of Patanjali Layout on Kanakapura Road, was killed over a financial dispute.

A senior police officer said that Vinod was returning to his house from Tataguni Estate at midnight when bike-borne assailants gave a chase and accosted him. They hacked Vinod, who died on the spot. Passersby alerted Kaggalipura police who rushed to the spot and shifted the body for autopsy.

Preliminary investigations revealed that Vinod was into real estate business and had financial dispute with his partners. He had recently built a luxury house which seems to have miffed some people, police said. A special team has been formed to nab the assailants. Further investigations are on.

ASHA WORKERS TO GO ON STATE-WIDE STRIKE TODAY

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ASHA workers will go on a state-wide strike on Friday. State Secretary of the ASHA Workers Union D Nagalakshmi said, "We have decided to go on a strike because we have no option left."

The workers had gone on a strike on January 3 for nine days over issues mostly related to their remuneration and terms of work. The State Government then had agreed to many of their demands but Nagalakshmi said that they had not honoured many of the these promises. Nagalakshmi said they are demanding an increase in their income from Rs 4,000 per month to Rs 12,000.

ASHA workers had struck work and had gathered in the Freedom Park in January. But now due to the pandemic, they would not be able to gather in one particular location. However, they plan to gather at their respective taluk health offices across the State, she said. In Bengaluru, ASHA workers will gather at Anand Rao Circle.

Nodal Officer Prabhu Gowda said, "Their issues have been looked into and they should call off the strike."

Health Minister B Sreeramulu on Thursday said that he was ready to speak to the ASHA workers and address all the issues and suggested that they should not go ahead with the strike on Friday. But when asked about it, Nagalakshmi told *The New Indian Express* that they had already met the minister three-four times and there had been no outcome.

She added that three ASHA workers had died during these corona times, not due to the virus but in accidents. Many have been attacked and about 50 FIRs have been filed in this regard, she said.

NO PAY FOR MONTHS

Link workers of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike stage a sit-in protest in front of the BBMP office on Thursday, demanding their salaries which have not been paid for six months | VINOD KUMAR T

Officer cautions govt on Covid care spend

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A bureaucrat, who is part of the Covid-19 management efforts in the state, has red-flagged extra spending on facilities being created for Covid-19 care.

In a letter to Chief Secretary T M Vijaya Bhaskar, the officer said the government has decided to set up Covid Care Centres and put up about 20,000 beds. In the light of this, the government should consider buying beds and bedsteads instead of hiring them as they would be needed for at least three to four months, he pointed out.

Hiring the cots and mattresses will work out to about three to four times more than the cost of purchasing them. After their use for Covid care, these materials can be used in government hostels and hospitals and enormous expenditure can be avoided, the officer argued.

Chief Secretary Vijay Bhaskar, however, could not be reached for comment.

Meanwhile Opposition leader Siddaramaiah tweeted on Thursday saying, "Difficult times are not stopping CM of Karnataka from indulging in corrupt practices. Then why should it stop opposition from questioning the Corruption #100percent corrupt sarkar."

On Wednesday, he had tweeted, "Your Ex-Minister Murugesh Nirani seems to have evidence to prove yours is a #100percentcorrupt sarkar".

It may be noted that the legislative PAC too, in its previous meetings, had raised the issue of the government resorting to 'unnecessary expenditure' over the past few months in the guise of fighting Covid.

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KAS EXAMS

Siddu wants KPSC to give answer scripts

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OPPOSITION leader Siddaramaiah has urged Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa to direct the Karnataka State Public Service Commission to provide answer scripts and question-wise marks secured by candidates who appeared for the KAS probationary officers examination held in 2017.

Denied of answer scripts, students have approached the courts, he said. He said the answer scripts are denied despite directions from the Karnataka Information Commissioner when these and other details were given to candidates who appeared for KAS probationary officers examination in 2008, 2020, 2011 and 2014.

He said many candidates who met him are from poor background and from rural areas who worked hard to prepare for the exam.

He said the state government should also ensure that the RTI Act is effectively implemented.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General public that my clients have intends to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its presents owners **Sri. V.Vishwanathan, Sri.K.Saiprasad,Sri.V.Venkataramanan.** Any person/s, claiming to have any charge lien,interest, minor claims, right/s, whatsoever over the schedule property may lodge their claim to the undersigned with documentary proof on or **before 24.07.2020** failing which my client will treat that there are no objections or claims in respect of the schedule property. No claims shall be entertained thereafter.

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OA.No.867/2019
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that our Client intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its owners (i) Mrs. Gulzar Banu wife of Mr. Muneer Ahmed Shariff, (ii) Mr. Asgar Ahmed Shariff son of Mr. Muneer Ahmed Shariff, (iii) Mr. Syed Khadeer Saleem son of Mr. Ajaz Pasha and (iv) Mrs. Sumaiya Sultana daughter of Mr. Abdul Rehman Shariff (**"Owners"**).
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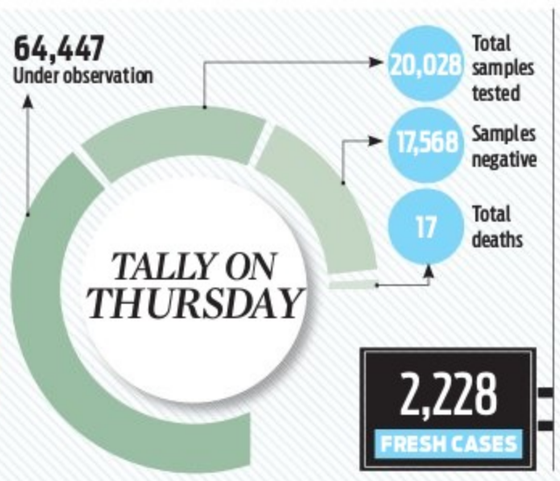
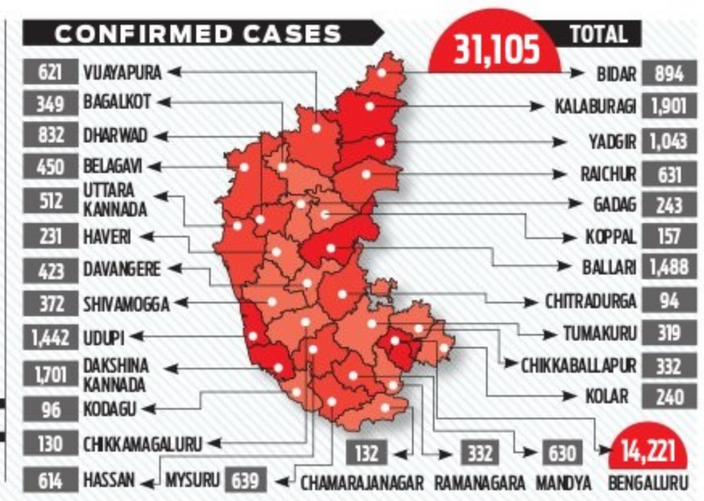




War on, but with few hands on deck

Posts lie vacant across government, private hospitals; healthcare workers resign, skip work

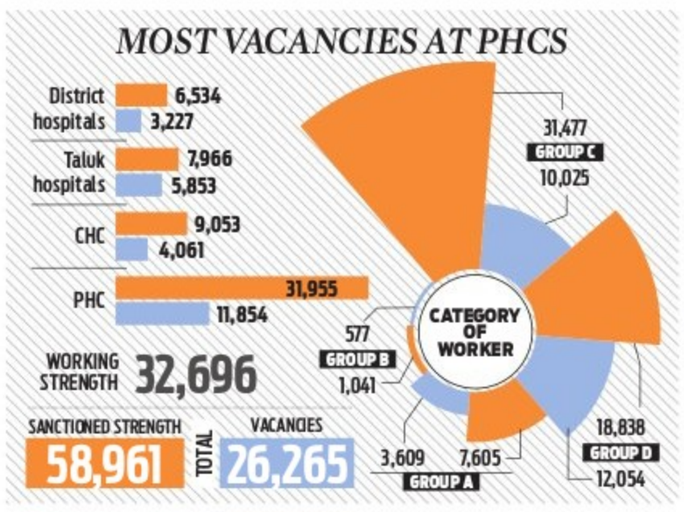
IT seems Karnataka is at war against Covid-19 without an adequate number of commanders and foot soldiers, or so official figures show. The State lacks enough frontline health workers — doctors, nurses, lab technicians, ward boys and ayahs — in both private and government sectors.

As per Health and Family Welfare department data, there are 26,265 vacancies of a total of 58,961 sanctioned posts. District hospitals have 3,227 vacancies, taluk hospitals have 5,853 vacancies, 4,061 posts are vacant in Community Health Centres, and 11,854 in Primary Health Centres.

The largest number of vacancies within the State health department seem to be in Group C (10,025) and Group D (12,054) categories of staffers, which include lab technicians, nurses, paramedics, pharmacists, clerical staff, janitors, attendants and ambulance drivers.

"There were vacancies prior to the pandemic as well, but due to fear, people are refusing to come in to work, or resigning. With Covid Care Centres being set up, we are struggling to mobilise manpower. We are requesting dentists and Ayurveda doctors to step in as they study common subjects in the MBBS course," said a health department source. However, despite these requests and pleas, there has been poor response, the source added.

An ambulance driver starts duty in Bengaluru early on Thursday morning | EXPRESS



The shortage in Group C and Group D categories is not exclusive to the government setup. Dr R Ravindra, president, Private Hospitals and Nursing Home Association, said smaller hospitals have over 50 per cent shortage of nurses, ward boys and ayahs.

"When a private hospital in KR Puram decided to open its doors to Covid patients, doctors began to resign, saying they have kids at home. In mid-sized and large hospitals, there is a 50 per cent shortage of ward boys, and 30 per cent deficiency in nursing staff. Though their salaries have been doubled, they are not willing to work," he said. Often, there is pressure at home which acts as a deterrent.

The number of vacant posts of doctors under Group A category at district hospitals, taluk hospitals, community health centres and primary health centres is 3,597.

A government hospital doctor in Bengaluru said those aged 50-55 years and above are not assigned Covid ward duty, and this adds to the shortage of manpower, especially with cases spiking.

The Covid Care Centre at Bengaluru International Exhibition Centre will have a robot to assist doctors for every 200 patients | EXPRESS

10,100-BED COVID CENTRE TO OPEN NEXT WEEK

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THE country's biggest Covid Care Centre, with 10,100 beds, will open next week at Bengaluru International Exhibition Centre (BIEC) on Tumakuru Road, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa said. "This pandemic will stay for some more months, and the State government is geared to tackle it," the CM said here on Thursday.

The CM and his cabinet ministers, Deputy CM Dr Ashwath Nrayan, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Health Minister B Sriramulu, Medical Education Minister Dr Sudhakar and Revenue Minister R Ashoka, along with senior officers, visited BIEC and inspected the facilities.

Later, Yediyurappa told reporters that as the number of cases is increasing in Bengaluru, the State government is making all attempts to control and arrange for treatment. This Covid Care Centre has all basic amenities with 10,100 beds, including 100 for ICU patients. A team of senior IAS officers set this up, and is also monitoring it. The central team visited the centre, and appreciated the arrangements. "This is expected after unlocking, and more cases are being registered. We are equipped," Yediyurappa said.

He said that more than 2,200 staffers will be deputed here, including doctors and police. For every 100 patients, there will be one doctor, two nurses, two cleaning staff and marshals. There are arrangements for scientific disposal of garbage, and a dedicated team for laundry, to wash bedsheets, blankets and pillow covers. Mildly symptomatic patients will be housed here, with a centralised system for bed arrangement.

There are also ICU, ECG and oxygen support facilities, and a control room set up at the nearest hospital will monitor the centre 24x7. The government has made arrangements to keep patients entertained, with indoor games like carrom board and chess, besides television sets. Hygienic food will be supplied for both patients and staff.

The CM has appealed to the public to cooperate with the authorities. "If an ambulance is delayed or private hospitals don't admit Covid patients, bring it to our notice. No need to panic," he said.

Yediyurappa also appealed to MLAs to visit taluk and other government hospitals in their constituencies, and bring any issues to his notice. The CM said that Medical Education Minister Sudhakar has interacted with private hospitals on rates. "We have told authorities to take action against those who charge excess," he added.

FACILITIES AT BIEC

- 10,000 + beds
- Robot for every 200 patients, which will act as communicator between doctor and patients
- 100 additional beds for ICU patients
- Chess and carrom boards for patients; TV also installed
- Food to be prepared, served at BIEC
- 2200 staff including doctors, police
- In-house laundry service
- ICU, ECG, oxygen support

Antibody tests, X-rays for vulnerable groups: Report

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

THE Planning Board also suggested widespread antibody tests or X-ray screening, especially in vulnerable groups such as women and the elderly.

"We need to conduct as many tests as possible and make sure we get results early. Now, we need to focus on reducing mortality, getting patients early to hospital and doing whatever we can to reduce mortality," said Dr Alex Thomas, President, Association of National Board Accredited Institutions (ANBAI) and Association of Healthcare Providers of India (AHPI).

Dr Thomas, who was part of consultations held by the Board, said it is important to maintain separate facilities for treating Covid and non-Covid patients so that it does not spread from the former to the latter, and other patients too can go for regular check-ups without fear. "Wearing masks and social distancing can make a big difference. People should realise this," he added.

The report also suggested random sample testing of Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation, Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation staff, police personnel and healthcare professionals at regular intervals. It pointed out that robots can be used for Covid patient care to minimise contact, analyse data on Covid infection, death and survivors to plan and develop preventive and precautionary strategies.

Board Vice-Chairman B J Puttaswamy, said the report has been sent to the Chief Minister's Office and a copy will also be presented to the CM soon. "The report has been prepared after holding extensive consultations with experts. We hope the government will consider the suggestions," he said, adding that each ward or assembly segment in Bengaluru must have testing facilities.

"Decentralised systems and involvement of local officials and elected representatives can help manage the pandemic better," he added.

COVID WATCH

HC seeks info on plaints against docs

Bengaluru: The Karnataka High Court on Thursday directed the KMC to inform whether it has received any complaint against medical practitioners for refusing to treat non-Covid-19 patients, and what action taken against them. "We direct both the Health and Family Welfare Department and KMC to place on record the measures taken to initiate action against medical practitioners for refusing to treat non-Covid patients," a bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice M Nagaprasanna said while hearing a PIL filed by advocate Ramesh Naik L. The PIL came after several instances of medical practitioners refusing to treat non-Covid patients. **ENS**

Missing +ve patient found in B'luru

Kalaburagi: A 75-year-old woman who had disappeared from Attar locality in Kalaburagi after testing positive for Covid-19 on Tuesday night, was found in Nelamangala (Bengaluru Rural) on Thursday. Kalaburagi District Health Officer Dr M A Jabbar said that after inquiries, it came to light that the woman left Kalaburagi at midnight on Tuesday with the help of some of her relatives. The DHO said he has spoken to his counterpart in Bengaluru Rural, who said that after assessing the woman's health status, it will be decided whether she should be admitted to a hospital or to a CCC. The health department will file a case against the woman for leaving without informing officials. The DHO said that an ambulance was sent to the patient's house on Tuesday, but as she had fractured her leg and no one was around to help bring her down from her house, the vehicle returned. The woman had left by the time the ambulance reached her house the next day. **ENS**

Remdesivir now in India, proving to be a gamechanger: Specialists

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

SOON after its launch in India last month, Remdesivir, the antiviral drug, is "judiciously and successfully" being used by intensivists and physicians for some Covid-19 patients in hospitals in Bengaluru.

"Remdesivir is an antiviral drug found to be effective in mild to moderately severe infection. It helps reduce the progression to severe disease and may help save lives," Dr Sunil Karanth, chairman, Critical Care Medicine, Manipal Hospital, told *TNIE*.

"Research has shown that use of steroids like Dexamethasone reduce the inflammatory cascade and help reduce mortality by tempering the human body's response to the infection. A substantial number of patients have increased clotting due to a hyperactive immune response, which results in clogging of the tiny blood vessels in the vital organs causing multiorgan failure in severe Covid-19 infections. This is managed by administering blood thinner drugs called anticoagulants like Heparin or Enoxaparin," he added.

Dr Farooq Khan, consultant intensivist at Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain Hospital, said they have "successfully tried a combination of Remdesivir along with Dexamethasone and Enoxaparin (low molecular weight Heparin) on 20 Covid-19 patients, including those with co-morbid conditions like diabetes and asthma."

"Remdesivir was launched late last month in India. We got the drug on June 26. It helps prevent viral replication in the early part of infection," he added.

According to intensivists, the multimode treatment is guided by tracking important biomarkers like C-Reactive protein, d-dimer and Interleukin-6.

"These markers help us know the stage of the disease and the response to treatment," said Dr Karanth.

The government has recently directed some pharmaceutical companies to line up the production of the corticosteroids – Dexamethasone and Methylprednisolone and Enoxaparin. Two Indian pharmaceutical companies – Hetero and Cipla under licence from the American manufacturer Gilead Sciences — were in June given a go-ahead by the Drug Controller General of India to manufacture Remdesivir for "restricted emergency use for Covid-19 patients".

Cipla is manufacturing the drug under the brand name CIPREMI for "restricted emergency use of the drug in the country." Hetero has launched Remdesivir under the brand COVIFOR for "suspected or confirmed Covid-19 cases in hospitalised adults and children."

"Early introduction of Remdesivir will help. The complexity of the virus is such that many may recover without the antiviral drug. The question is then, should we give it to everyone?" asked noted immunologist Dr S Chandrashekhar.

B'luru adds more than half of day's +ves

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BENGALURU continues to see a virus surge with 1,373 Covid-19 cases recorded on Thursday with no contact or travel history. Overall, the state too reported a record a high number of cases at 2,228, taking the count to 31,105. There were 17 deaths reported, taking the toll to 486.

Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar, at a press meet, said contact tracing and tracking has to be improved in Bengaluru and admitted that it has not been at 100 per cent. "The same people who have been doing contact tracing for the last four months are continuing to work and are fatigued. We have decided to change our model to local, booth-level contact tracing," he said. However, he pointed out that the state's fatality rate is still low at 1.49% and Bengaluru's at 1.28%.

All 17 deaths in the state were either SARI or ILI cases, with most of them having fever, cough and breathlessness. Dakshina Kannada saw the second highest number of 167 patients, followed by Kalaburagi with 85, Dharwad with 75, Mysuru with 52 and Ballari with 41.

Health officials and police personnel screen travellers and check e-passes at the Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border, at Attibele, on Thursday I SHRIRAM BN

Of the one lakh antigen test kits the state is procuring, 30,000 to 40,000 will be used for testing in Bengaluru. "Of the 819 beds in government medical colleges, 749 are filled. In 16 government hospitals, 501 of 558 beds are filled. In 11 private medical colleges, 1,960 of 1,990 beds are filled. In private hospitals, 215 of 250 beds are filled and they are supposed to allot 2,750 beds," Sudhakar said.

There are 2,088 beds available at Covid Care Centres (CCC) of which 552 are in Haj Bhavan, 220 in Ravishankar Hospital, 866 in GKVK hostel, 250 in Government Ayurveda College and 200 in Medsol Hospital. Upcoming CCCs will have 12,098 beds.

TRYING THEIR LUCK

PEOPLE NOW BETTING ON COVID-19 CASES? YOU BET!

KARTHIK K K @ Mysuru

"IT will be 1,500+ cases in Karnataka today," predicted a middle-aged man standing in front of a tea shop. The person conversing with him on the phone predicted 2,000+ cases and within no time, both placed a bet of Rs 500 and agreed that the loser has to make the bet amount via wallet payment, as soon as the health bulletin is released.

In the absence of cricketing action due to Covid-19, people are now placing bets and predicting the number of Covid cases reported every day in the state.

The IPL season, cricket action and election season would generally be a cash cow for the bettors across the State, but with everything coming to a halt due to the pandemic situation, bettors have turned to Covid-19 and placing bets on the number of cases.

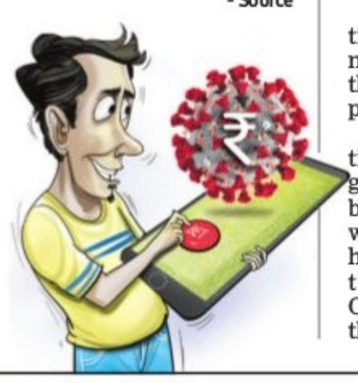
'How many Covid-19 cases will Karnataka report today?' 'Which district will top the Covid chart?' These are some of the wagers some people find distasteful. Though it is not happening on a large-scale, many people in the Old Mysuru region, Chamarajanagar and other places are trying their luck.

A source revealed that most people in the rural areas and youngsters who are home-bound due to Covid are trying their luck.

"The major advantage for the bettors is that this betting remains largely unknown to people. Since people bet as low as Rs 100, Rs 500 and make payments using online wallets, police too don't get to know much," said a source, who has witnessed it near tea shops in Mysuru.

A senior police officer attached to the crime branch said that he was not aware of any such betting happening.

> This betting on Covid figures seems to be a bad trend and the police need to monitor these activities and check them before they go full swing
> - Source



The investigation into the suicide of Vasudeva Maiya, former CEO of Sri Guru Raghavendra Cooperative Bank, has been transferred to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), which is also probing the Rs 1,400-crore scam related to the bank. The case of abetment to suicide, filed by Maiya's daughter Rashmi Hemle, will also be handed over to the CID

Encroachment rampant in Ragihalli elephant corridor, say activists

The situation arose as the land in question belongs to revenue, not forest department

MEERA BHARDWAJ @ Bengaluru

EVEN as the pandemic rages, unscrupulous elements have been encroaching on and clearing deemed forests that form part of the notified Ragihalli Elephant Corridor in the vicinity of the Bannerghatta National Park (BNP). Survey No. 69 comprises 1,026.11 acres of forest-like habitat is part of the notified corridor and also falls in the recently declared Eco Sensitive Zone of BNP.

Locals and wildlife activists who have filed a complaint both with the police and revenue authorities say this is not the first time that the encroachment has occurred in the area bordering Harohalli range of BNP.

Bhanu Prakash R of Bannerghatta Nature Conservation Trust says, "There is no response from Anekal Tahsildar or the DC. A number of trees have been felled while Govindappana Kunte, a crucial watering hole for elephants, is being destroyed. This habitat sees frequent movement of elephants and other mammals. Encroachers have fake documents of ownership of gomala lands. All this is happening as the survey numbers fall under the revenue department rather than the forest department."

As per government records, Survey No. 69 falls within the jurisdiction of Ragihalli Panchayat. It was deemed as notified elephant corridor and named 'Ragihalli Elephant Corridor'. BNP has two elephant corridors – Karadikar-Mahadeshwara and Thalli Reserve Forest.

The Ragihalli elephant corridor has been encroached | EXPRESS

However, in 2010-12, the then deputy commissioner, M K Aiyappa, had proposed handing over Survey No. 69 to the forest department. The forest department too had recommended its inclusion in BNP. But, the delay in transfer of the land to the forest department has led to encroachers destroying forest grasslands for commercial intent, activists say.

Forest officials say, "Survey No. 69 falls in the notified Ragihalli elephant corridor which although being gomala land has now turned into a beautiful forest. Earlier, a survey done by Harohalli range was not completed. So the land could not be handed over to the forest department. The habitat is similar to a forest and so it can be added as a protected forest. It is extensively used by elephants and other wildlife."

Anekal Tahsildar C Mahadevaiah could not be reached for comment despite several attempts.

Insurance a must for IISc students

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @Bengaluru

AFTER several flip-flops on its plans for resuming academic activities, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has finally decided to go ahead and allow students to return to campus. But, conditions apply. One of them is availing the medical insurance.

After the lockdown was lifted, the premier institute made plans to allow students to return in phases, but on June 29, the administration told students not to return after a campus resident tested positive. However, IISc has now decided to allow senior students to return.

Conditions of return

Officials say they have told returning students that they must procure medical insurance, and reminded them that the institute provides group medical insurance. Students must discuss their dates of return with their professors.

If students return out of turn, they will not be allowed into their hostel rooms and would have to figure out alternative accommodation, either off campus or in paid accommodation on campus if it is available.

The administration has said it has made arrangements to quarantine students in the event that a student or other resident tests positive.

Vijayanagar era temple discovered

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chikkamagaluru

A rare 'Veera Mahasati Gudi' belonging to the Vijayanagar Empire era has been discovered by researcher H R Panduranga near Vasistha Theertha, one of the Pancha Theerthas, on the bank of the Bhadra river near Kalasa.

The 4-ft tall sculpture of Mahasati, which is covered by anthills up to the neck, is situated close to the forest nursery in Kalasa. The rock relic has two plaques. One has a warrior with a sword, headgear and earrings and the other shows a woman with a mirror and a lemon, said Panduranga.

Researcher H R Panduranga in front of Veera Mahasati temple in Kalasa | EXPRESS

"On the upper plaque of the rock relic, Nandi kneels before the Shivalinga in addition to priests ringing bells and lighting the lamp. To the left of the linga, there is a sun symbol and pictures of the moon on the right side. It can be interpreted that both the warrior and his wife were no more and in Kailasa," said HR Panduranga .

"Going by the hairstyle and ornaments of the woman and Veera Kalasa on the sculpted images, one can guess the warrior belonged to a royal dynasty and may have died on the battlefield," he said. It may date back to 14th century of Bhairavarasa period or the beginning of the Vjayanagar period, he added.

POLICY DECISION

Submit status of migrants, HC tells govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Thursday directed the State government to submit the status of the migrant workers who had chosen to remain in Bengaluru.

Passing the order after the court was informed that the government had decided to stop Shramik trains and close mustering centres and facilities provided to migrant workers, a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Aravind Kumar directed the state to place on record by Monday whether the policy decision was taken by the council of ministers.

"We hope and trust that the State government will reconsider its decision, considering the worsening situation in the last few days," it said.

The bench directed the Nodal Officer, who is the Principal Secretary of the Revenue Department, to tell the court whether migrant workers who intended to go back between June 26 and July 7, were contacted to learn whether they wished to go back and whether their choice was taken into consideration before the government took the policy decision. The situation in the State, especially in Bengaluru, was worsening and created fear among migrant workers, the bench said.

BBMP rapped for not implementing rules in containment zones

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Thursday directed the State government to ensure the strict implementation of rules in containment zones in Bengaluru to prevent the spread of Covid-19 and to supply essential services to residents, especially the needy, in these zones.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Aravind Kumar said the State must identify the needy and take steps to supply food. Violation of this order amounts to the violation of fundamental rights guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution, which entitles citizens to claim compensation from the BBMP, the bench said, pointing out non-compliance of a series of directions issued by the court.

The BBMP counsel submitted that it has not restricted the movement of people in containment zones and they could come out and their earnings were not affected. "No efforts have been undertaken to identify the needy," he added.

To this, the bench said this indicates that not only was the BBMP defying the court's orders, it was also not complying with its obligations mentioned in the SOP specified by the State government in a circular dated April 14, and an order it passed on July 19. Although a list of 900 families in dire need of food in containment zones was provided, the BBMP has not looked into it, the bench said.

"The BBMP has failed to comply with its obligations in containment zones. If the BBMP's stand is really true that it is not strictly implementing rules and allowing people to come out of containment zones, this will have to be taken up by the State seriously as it may lead to the spread of Covid-19," the bench said in the order.

Social media 'friend' blackmails man with obscene morphed video

MG CHETAN @Bengaluru

ACCEPTING a 'friend request' on a popular social networking platform turned out to be a nightmare for a young man in Bengaluru.

According to the complaint filed by the 31-year-old man, a stranger sent a friend request to the victim, which he accepted. Soon, the woman, Payal Kumari, asked him for his mobile number.

After he gave his number, she made a video call to him on WhatsApp and to his horror, she was naked. "She asked me to remove my clothes but I refused. When she insisted, I disconnected the call. Within a few minutes, using the video of the call, she morphed my photo on an obscene video and sent it to me. Since then, she has been blackmailing me and demanding money," he said in the complaint.

The woman allegedly edited the video and morphed the victim's face onto the nude body of another man. The alleged incident took place on June 3 evening and the complainant, a resident of KR Puram who works in a private firm, lodged a complaint with the police, who booked the woman for criminal intimidation under the IPC, and identity theft and violation of privacy under the Information Technology Act.

"The woman suspected to be using the same trick to cheat and extort men. Efforts are on to trace the accused with the help of the phone number she used to contact the complainant," police said.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public are hereby notify that my client **MR. ANSHUL LONKAR** and **MRS. NIKITA JAOOLKAR** both are Residing at Flat No. A-108, Pristine Elegence Apartments, 6th Cross, Old Mangammanapalya Road, Popular Colony, Bangalore-560068, proposes to purchase the Schedule Property Situated at **Parappana Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently comes under Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara palike Limits,** from the Owner **MRS. DEEPA.N,** Residing at **Site No.82, Venkatadri Layout, Parappana Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk.**

Any person or persons having any claim/s on the Schedule Property or objections for the proposed sale transaction may lodge their claims/objections with the documentary proof with the undersigned within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date to publication of this notice, failing which thereafter my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction and claims/objections received beyond the stipulated period Will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential property bearing **Site No.82, V P Katha No.363, Assessment No.49/1, BBMP katha No.363/49/1-82,** Situated at **Parappana Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently comes under Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara palike Limits,** measuring East to West **30 Feet,** North to South **40 Feet.,** Totally measuring **1200 Sq.ft.,** Consisting of **Ground Floor 1140 Sq.ft and First Floor 1140 Sq.ft., of built up area with RCC Roof, Vitrified flooring in the Ground floor and the Granite Flooring in the First Floor.,** and bounded by:

East by : Site No.83;
West by : Site No.81;
North by : Site No.96,
South by : 30 Feet Road.

C.Jayanthi, Advocate
No.1668/A, 14th Main, 7th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore- 560102.
Dated on 9th Day July 09.07.2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Narayana Gowda** son of Munishyamappa residing at No.72-2, Kannur village and post, Bangalore 562 149, the General Power of Attorney holder of the property detailed below represents that he has misplaced the below listed original documents. An online complaint with respect to the same has been lodged on 24.06.2020 with the Bangalore city police. Any person/s in possession of the original documents shall return the same or lodge their claims with documentary evidence. to the undersigned within **10 days** from the date of this notice. If no objections/claims are received, the certified copies of the same shall be treated as original for all intent and purposes.

1. Sale Deed dated 24.06.2005 executed by Byranna son of Munikuntappa, Saraswathi, Krishnamurthy, Kamala, children of Byranna, Meghana and Sanjay, children of Krishnamurthy in favor of Poornima N Swamy registered as Doc No.4897/2005-06 in the Office of the Sub Registrar, K R Puram, Bangalore.
2. Sale Deed dated 29.04.2005 executed by Ramaiah son of Munikuntappa, Chandrakala, Sarojamma, Sashikala and Kumara, children of Ramaiah in favor of Poornima N Swamy registered as Doc No.3295/2005-06 in the Office of the Sub Registrar, K R Puram, Bangalore.
3. Sale Deed dated 29.04.2005 executed by Shamanna son of Munikuntappa, Govindaraju, Srinivas, Sunitha and Manjunath, children of Shamma in favor of Poornima N Swamy registered as Doc No.3293/2005-06 in the Office of the Sub Registrar, K R Puram, Bangalore
4. Rectification Deed dated 26.02.2016 executed by Byranna son of Munikuntappa, Saraswathi, Krishnamurthy, Kamala, children of Byranna, Meghana and Sanjay, children of Krishnamurthy, represented by their General Power of Attorney holder G N Shanbag in favor of Poornima N Swamy registered as Doc No.9169/2015-16 in the Office of the Sub Registrar, K R Puram, Bangalore

DETAILS OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy.No.50/1 measuring 29 Guntas and Sy.No.51/1 measuring 4 Acres 11 out of 4 Acres 29 Guntas, **situated at Chikkagubbi village, Bidarahalli hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District** and bounded on the

East By : Sy.No.50/1 belonging to Mariyanna
West By : Sy.No.51 belonging to Ramaiah
North By : Sy.No.55
South By : Sy.No.48 and Sy.No.49

Thyagaraj N M, Advocate,
No. 4B, 2nd Floor, 12th cross, Opp Veterinary College, Ganganagar, Bangalore -560024

Bangalore Date : 09th July 2020

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DATE EXTENSION NOTICE

Extension in date of submission of application form for recruitment in Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna is as under:-

Due to aggravated COVID-19 situation and locked down in Patna, the last date of submission of application of following advertisement for the recruitment in Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna and its Colleges are extended as follows:-

1. Emp. Notice-05/2020 : Farm Manager Operation, Bihar Veterinary College, Patna.

Receipt of Last Date of Hard copy will be 30.07.2020 Till 4.00 PM

2. Emp. Notice-06/2020 : Registrar, Deputy Registrar (Academic), Deputy Registrar (Examination), Deputy Comptroller, Deputy Director Resident Instruction, Deputy Director Research, Deputy Director (Training Information), Assistant Registrar (Grade-II) (Academic), Assistant Registrar (Grade-II) (Examination) and Assistant Comptroller (Grade-II), Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna.

Receipt of Last date of duly filled application form will be 30.07.2020 Till 4.00 PM

3. Emp. Notice-07/2020 : Assistant Comptroller, Grade-I, Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna.

i) Receipt of Last Date of Bio-Data will be 30.07.2020 Till 4.00 PM
ii) Walk-in-Interview will be held on 10.08.2020, 10.00 AM onwards

Candidates are requested to refer the University website https://www.basu.org.in for update information.

Address for sending application form / Bio-data is **The Registrar, Bihar Animal Sciences University, P.O. Bihar Veterinary College, Patna, Pin 800014, Bihar.**

Sd/-
Registrar

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **SURESH S.,** R/o No. 174, Opp. Mariyamma Temple, Sorahunase, Bangalore-87, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **SAI BARTH SURESH** to **SAI BHARATH SURESH VIJAYA,** hereafter he shall be known and called as **SAI BHARATH SURESH VIJAYA** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 8th July 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **YANKOBA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **QUEENY SHOBHA,** residing at No. 51/2, Moore Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560 005 have changed my name from **QUEENY SHOBHA DUPONT** to **QUEENY SHOBHA,** vide affidavit dated 08.07.2020 before notary Public Advocate **A R MUNEER AHMED** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHASI KUMAR** spouse of MAHENDRA SINGH resident of H No. 46, Anasuya Chandrappa Layout, Bharatnagar, M S Palya, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bangalore – 560097, have changed my name from **SHASI KUMAR** to **SITA DEVI,** vide Affidavit Dated 07-07-2020 Before Advocate and Notary **D SARALA KUMARI,** Reg No. 10192 Bangalore Karnataka.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **ROSEMARY PAUL D/O PAUL VARGHESE,** R/at No. 6, 1st Floor, Flat No. 3, 8th Main Road, Maruthi Layout, Hennur, Bangalore North, Kalyananagar, Bangalore, Karnataka-560 0043, do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **ROSEMARY PAUL MALIAKAL** and **ROSEMARY PAUL** are one and the same and belongs to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **ROSEMARY PAUL** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 9th July 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. CHITRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SAI GURURAJ GOWDA,** S/o Ere Gowda, aged about 32 years, Makanahalli VTC, Bannur Post, Bannur, Sub District Tirumakudalu, Narasipura, District Mysuru, State Karnataka-571101 now at Bangalore do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **GURURAJ M.E.** to **SAI GURURAJ GOWDA,** hereafter I shall be known and called as **SAI GURURAJ GOWDA** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 9-7-2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **YANKOBA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VISHNUPRIYA KALIKI,** D/o RAGHAVA REDDY KALIKI, working as Program Manager at Biocon Biologics India Limited, R/o Flat No. B2-104, Mahendra Aarna, Ananthnagar, Electronic City, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560 100, have changed the name of my minor daughter **PRAJNA SREE A D/o SANJEEVAREDDY ANNAPUREDDY,** aged about 3 years and she shall hereafter be known as **PRAJNASREE KALIKI,** vide affidavit dated 2nd July 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **N. NAGAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DAKSAYANAMMA D.C.,** resident of No. BO.91, near Gayathri Hospital Pvt. Ltd., Magadi Chord Road, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560 040, have changed my name from **BRINDA D.C** to **DAKSAYANAMMA D.C.** Vide affidavit dated 09-07-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary K.C. Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **B.S. Bhavya,** W/o. Late Prakasha N., aged about 36 years, residing at No. 173P-11, Hamsaa Trio Academy, Jigala Main Road, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District - 562 107, hereby declare that **B.S. BHAVYA** and **BHAVYA** both the names one and the same person. Hereinafter my name may be treated as **'B.S. BHAVYA @ BHAVYA'** for all purposes. Vide affidavit dated 09-07-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary M. Rajendra, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) SOURI MUTHU,** S/o. Sri. Irdharaj, and Mrs. Catherine Mary, residing at No. 148, Church Nilaya Building, Behind Church, V Nagenahalli, R.T.Nagar, Bangalore-560032, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) CHOWRI MUTHU I SUNIL** vide affidavit Dated 06/07/2020 sworn before Notary D Guna Shekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) BALRAJ ARUN KUMAR,** S/o Kanika Samy, residing at No. 135, Yagappa Layout, V. Nagenahalli, R.T.Nagar, Bangalore-560032, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) K ARUN KUMAR** vide affidavit Dated 06/07/2020 sworn before Notary D Guna Shekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) DAWOOD SHARIEFF,** Residing at No. 42/10, 12th A Cross, Umar Nagar, Govindapura, A C Post, Bengaluru-560045, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) DAWOOD SHARIFF** vide affidavit Dated 06/07/2020 sworn before Notary Y.R. Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) SHAIK MOHAMED DASTAGIR,** S/o. Shaik Abdul Karim, residing at No. 307, 8th Cross, 1st 'A' Main, Near Dayananda College, JHBCS Layout, Bangalore-560078, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) SHAIK MOHAMMED DASTAGIR** vide affidavit Dated 08/07/2020 sworn before Notary Hemalatha.P., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **V.SARRAMMA,** Spouse No. JC 311887K SUB Sunil B, residing at Valiya Vilayil Vengai (Post) Kollam (Dist) Kerala (State) PIN:690569, have changed my name from **V.SARRAMMA** to **SARAMMA** vide affidavit Dated 07/07/2020 sworn before Notary D.Guna Shekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SERVICE NO. 16115368X** SPR Ramu Kumbarakar Unit Depot Coy, Depot BN, MEG & Centre, Bangalore, have changed my Son name from **PRAJWAL** to **PRAJWAL KUMBARAKAR** vide affidavit Dated 08/07/2020 sworn before Notary D.Guna Shekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SERVICE NO. JC 311162K** SUB Pradeep Gaonkar Unit CIW Depot BN MEG & Centre, Bangalore-560042, have changed my Son name from **GOURISH** to **GOURISH GAONKAR** vide affidavit Dated 23/01/2020 sworn before Notary Sivakumara.M.N., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KULWINDER KAUR,** D/o. Amarjeet Singh.G.A, R/at. First Floor, 3rd A Cross, Nanjundappa Road, Near C.M.R.School, Kacharkenahalli, Bangalore-560084, have changed my son's name from **AARAV.S.KESWANI** to **AARAV SINGH** as per Astrological reasons, vide affidavit dated 7.07.2020 sworn to before notary Shankaranarayana Bangalore-560050

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RADHA BAI @ S.V.RAO,** W/o.Vittal Rao, C/o.V.Ramakrishnarao R/at.19/1, 1st Floor, 1st A Main Road Road, Gokul 1st Stage, 3rd Phase Yeshwanthapura, Bangalore North Bangalore-560022. My correct name is **RADHA BAI,** in my Son's Passport etc., entered my name as **S.V.RAO,** both the names belongs to me only, vide affidavit dated 7.07.2020 sworn to before notary A.C.Subbu Swamy Bangalore-78.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Monica .M. Aged about 25 years, D/o. Sri.M.Krishna, r/at No.48, 5th Cross, Muneshwara "C" Block, Step Down Matadhalli, R.T.Nagar Post, Bangalore-560 032 has changed my name to **AMMARA** vide affidavit dt:6/7/2020 sworn before Kishwar Hussain M.S. Advocate & Notary, Bangalore.

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SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with provision to rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002.

Notice is here by given to public in general and in particular to Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the secured Creditor, the **Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Karnataka Bank Ltd, the Secured Creditor on **04.10.2019,** will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is" and "Whatever there is" on **30.07.2020** for recovery of **₹1,05,46,967.10 (Rupees One Crore Five Lakhs Forty Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Seven and Paise Ten Only) Under TL A/c No.1257001600007701** along with future interest from **04.07.2020,** plus costs due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd, Bengaluru CMM Court Branch,** the Secured creditor from **(1) Mr. Krishna Reddy M, S/o Mr. Muniyappa (2) Mrs. Kamalla K Reddy, W/o Mr. Krishna Reddy M, No.1 & 2 at:** No. 102, Shivanapura, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk - 562123, **No.1 & 2 also at:** No.33/1, 1st Floor, 8th Cross, Near Hotel Geo, Opp. South Indian Bank, S.R Nagar, Bengaluru Urban - 560027, **(3) Mr. Anil Kumar, S/o Mr.Mutha Naik,** No.51, CK Thandya, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru - 560060, being the borrowers/ guarantors/ mortgagors.

Reserve Price/Upset Price below which the property may not be sold: ₹57,57,000/- (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Only)

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Description of Property	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit
All that part and parcel of Residential Property measuring 1200 Sq.ft, bearing Site No.102, Khata No.1605/127/102, (being the site carved out of the land in Sy.No.114 of Shivanapura Village), with the building constructed thereon, situated at Shivanapura Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk Belonging to Mr.Krishna Reddy. **Boundaries of the land: East by:** Site No.103, **West by:** Site No.101, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No.85.	₹57,57,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Only)	₹5,75,700.00 (Rupees Five Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Seven Hundred Only)

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).

This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule (8) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors)

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website ie.,www.karnatakabank.com under the head "Mortgaged Assets for Sale".

The E-auction will be conducted through portal https://bankauctions.in/ on **30.07.2020** from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm with unlimited extension of 10 minutes.The intending bidder is required to register their name at https://bankauctions.in/ and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training *online training on E-auction (tentatively on 29.07.2020)* from M/s 4 Closure, Mr.Sreekanth B (Asst.Manager), No.22, 5th Cross, Gurumahal Extension, Opp: Indian Hotel, K.G.Halli, Jalahalli (West), Bengaluru-560010 Mobile No:9515160061, E-mail: sreekanth@bankauctions.in

Date: 09.07.2020 For Karnataka Bank Ltd.
Place: Bengaluru Chief Manager & Authorised Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that our clients **SMT. ROOPA .T** and others, propose to purchase the property more fully mentioned in the Schedule here in below for valuable consideration from **SRI R. SAMPATH KUMAR**, S/o SRI G. RAMACHANDRA, residing at No.9/1,13th main, 16th cross, Malleshwaram Bengaluru-560055 who has represented that he is the absolute owner and is in peaceful possession of the property. Any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right in the Scheduled property may lodge their objections and/ or claims with the undersigned along with the supporting documentary evidences within TEN(10)DAYS from the date of this publication, and any objections or claims received thereafter will not be binding on our client and our client will proceed to purchase the Schedule property as if there are no claimant/s objections from any person/s.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing **Site No.9/1,BBMP PID NO.7-29-9/1**, situated at 13th Main Road, 16th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru-560055 and site measuring **East to West 40 Feet** and **North to South 30 Feet** in all total measuring 1,200 Square Feet, along with an existing building 3000 Sq. Ft. house on R.C.C Roofing consisting of Ground, First and Second Floor,

EAST BY : **13TH MAIN ROAD**
WEST BY : **HOUSE PROPERTY BEARING NO.66,**
NORTH BY : **REMAINING PORTION OF PROPERTY NO.9,**
SOUTH BY : **HOUSE PROPERTY BEARING NO.61**

M/s. LEX FIRM,
Advocates & Solicitors
No. 35/1, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main,
Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018
Phone no: 9480777160 / 9980693999
Date: 09-07-2020 BANGALORE

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR MODIFICATION OF NAME

I, **MEGHNA PRASAD**, aged about 41 years, W/o. Karan Bakhshi, residing at Flat No. 172, Pebble Bay Tower-4, 1st Main, Dollars Colony, RMV Extension Phase 2, Bengaluru-560094, hereby state and declare that my minor daughter's name is recorded as **"Samaa Bakhshi", aged about 05 years.** Now, I have changed my daughter's name from **"Samaa Bakhshi"** to **"Samaa Prasad Bakhshi"** and in future my daughter will be known as **"Samaa Prasad Bakhshi"** for all the purposes. Sworn vide Affidavit dated 2nd July, 2020, Sworn before Advocate & Notary Devaraja. E, Bengaluru.

PROPERTY DOCUMENT LOST

This is to inform to the general public that my client Mohan Raju, residing at No 165/16, Doraisanipalya, Bannerghatta Road, IIM Post, Bangalore 560076, while shifting office, have lost following 3 documents of property, pertaining to site 10/3, Kundalahalli Village, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk.

1. Registered Sale deed dt. 19.06.1995 executed by Sri.K.N.Padma Reddy, in favor of Sri.Sriraman Jagannathan, as document No: 2677/1995-96 of Book-I.
2. Registered Partition deed dt. 12.03.1979 executed by Sri. Gopala Reddy, Sri.K.N.Padma Reddy & Ramakka, as document No: 7694/1978-79 of Book-I.
3. Registered Sale deed dt. 22.06.1992 executed by Sri.K.N.Padma Reddy, in favor of Sri.Arigela Satya Narayana Murthy, & his wife Smt. Arigela Nagamani, as document No:2404/1993-94 of Book-I.

Also the following document, belonging to above mentioned property, had been lost at the end of Mr Tushar K Chopra.

1. Registered Sale deed executed by Sri.K.N.Padma reddy, in favor of Mr Tushar K Chopra, as document No:2676/1995-96 of Book-I.

These documents have been registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore District. Police complaints have been filed with regards to loss of the above documents vide complaint no 084809/2020 dt 06/07/2020 and complaint dt 03-03-06 by respective person. If anybody finds these documents, please inform

Mallanna K
Advocate
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Mumbai: 400099

Notice is hereby given that the following share certificates have been reported as lost / misplaced and the Company intends to issue duplicate certificates in lieu thereof, in due course.

Any person who has a valid claim on the said shares should lodge such claim with the company at its Registered Office within 15 days hereof.

Name of the holder	Folio No.	No. of Shares (Rs. 1/- f.v)	Certificate No. (s)	Distinctive No. (s)
K. UPENDRA NAYAK	HLL 1174832	1500	5057017	50114511-50116010

Place: BANGALORE
Date: 10.07.2020

INDUSIND BANK LTD.

 # 1-10-72, 3rd floor, Ashoka Janardhana Chambers, Begumpet, Hyderabad - 500016, Ph: (040) 40916229

Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002

Take notice that IndusInd Bank Limited, has issued a notice Under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("the Act"). The notice was duly sent to the addresses by Speed Post with acknowledgement due which returned undelivered by post office. The contents of which are being published herewith as per the Section 13(2) of the Act read with Section 13(8) & 13(13) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 as and by way of alternate service upon you. Details of the Borrowers, Guarantors, Securities, Outstanding Dues, Demand Notice Sent under Section 13(2) and amount claimed there under are given as under:

Name and Address of the Borrower : 1) Balaji Electricals, Rep. by Its Proprietor, No. 43, Uttarehalli, Main Road, Suramanyapura Post, Bangalore-560061. (2) Kanaheyalal Patel S/o. Geparamji, No.6, Channasandra Layout, Uttarehalli, Kengeri Main Road, Bangalore-560061. (3) Susheela Patel, W/o. Kanaheyalal Patel, No.6, Channasandra Layout, Uttarehalli, Kengeri Main Road, Bangalore-560061. (4) Manohar Kumar, S/o. Nathuram, No. 6, Channasandra Layout, Uttarehalli, Kengeri Main Road, Bangalore-560061.calling upon them to repay the banks dues of **Rs.5,21,92,712.34 Ps. (Rupees Five Crores Twenty One Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Seven Hundred Twelve and Thirty Four Paise Only)** along with further interest as per sanctioned terms due from **10-06-2020** and other costs, charges, expenses incurred within 60 days of the date of notice. The bank dues are secured by the following assets.

Description / Details of Facilities sanctioned

Sl.No.	Nature of Facility with Loan No.	Amount (Rs.in lacs)
1.	Cash Credit, Loan Ac.No. 650014073046	500.00
2.	CMS Facility, Loan Ac No. 706000083509	30.00
	Total	530.00

Details of Secured Assets

Property of Mr. KANHEYALAL PATEL, S/o. Mr. GEPARAMJI and Mrs. SUSHEELA, W/o. Mr. KANHEYALAL PATEL, (Sale Deed Document No. 1432 of 2007-2008, Dated 07-06-2007) All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing No.6, CMC Old Khatha No. 902/39, present No.1026, of Channasandra village, Uttarhalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Earlier situated under CMC, Pattanagere Limits, now coming under the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No. 25, measuring East-West : 30 Feet and North-South : 60 Feet, in all measuring 1800 sq.ft and **bounded on the** : East by : Road, West by : Site No.7, North by : Road, South by : Site No. 13.

Statement as on 10.06.2020

Particulars of Loan	Amount(Rupees)
Principal outstanding (Cash Credit)	Rs.5,04,07,871.59
Add. Interest Outstanding	Rs.17,84,840.59
Total Outstanding	Rs. 5,21,92,712.34

Aggregate outstanding amount as on **09-06-2020** is **Rs.5,21,92,712.34 Ps. (Rupees Five Crores Twenty One Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Seven Hundred Twelve and Thirty Four Paise Only)** together with future interest at documented rate from 10-06-2020 to the date of payment and other costs.

Date : 10.06.2020
Place: Hyderabad

Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
Indusind Bank Ltd.

Can Fin Homes Ltd

No.2&4, 1st Floor, ShanthiPriya Layout
Devarachikkanahalli Road,
Behind Begur Govt. High School,
Bangalore 560114.Tel:25740123/7625079200
Email:begur@canfinhomes.com
CINL85110KA1987PLC008699
Begur Branch

SALE NOTICE

APPENDIX- IV-A
[proviso to rule 8 (6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

SALE NOTICE for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Begur Branch, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **14.08.2020**, for recovery of **Rs.39,30,413/-** (Rupees Thirty nine Lakhs Thirty Thousand and Four Hundred Thirteen Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mr. Thyaga Raj H B. and Mrs.Hemashree S** (Late) as on 31/07/2019, together with further interest and other charges thereon. The reserve price will be **Rs.33,90,000/-** (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Ninety Thousand Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.3,39,000/-** (Rupees Three lakhs Thirty Nine thousand only).

DESCRIPTION PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential House property bearing No.18/1D, Katha No.464, Situated at Thirupalya Village, Hebbagodi, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, Bangalore built on site measuring East to West 30 feet, North to South 20 feet, totally measuring 600 Square feet presently comes under the limits of Hebbagodi CMC and bounded on: East by :Sampangi Reddy's house, West by: Road, North by: Property belongs to Thimmarayappa, South by: Remaining portion of the same property. Along with six square RCC roofed house built in thereon, constructed with cement and bricks, with Mosaic flooring, the doors and windows are made in teak wood, with electricity, water facilities are available in the schedule property.

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd.,(www.canfinhomes.com).Please refer to the following link https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx

Date:09.07.2020
Place:Bangalore

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.

Can Fin Homes Ltd

No.2&4, 1st Floor, ShanthiPriya Layout
Devarachikkanahalli Road,
Behind Begur Govt. High School,
Bangalore 560068.Tel:25740123/7625079200
Email:begur@canfinhomes.com
CINL85110KA1987PLC008699
Begur Branch

SALE NOTICE

APPENDIX- IV-A
[proviso to rule 9(1)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

SALE NOTICE for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Begur Branch, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **30.07.2020,** for recovery of Rs.30,30,091/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Thirty Thousand and Ninety One Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Ms.Harini P** and **Mrs.Vijayalakshmi** as on 31/07/2019, together with further interest and other charges thereon.

The reserve price will be **Rs.22,04,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Four Thousand Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.2,20,400/-** (Rupees Two lakhs Twenty thousand four Hundred only).

DESCRIPTION PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing Site No.465,carved out of residentially converted Lands in Survey No. 33/1B, Bidaraguppe Grama Panchayath Raj Katha No.61/465, Property I.D.No.150200100200720289, in the layout plan approved by Anekal planning Authority vide its order No.APA/LAO/130-2012-13, Dated: 29/04/2014, in the residential project known as 'MAHIDHARA FORTUNE CITY', situated at Chikkanahalli village, AttibeleHobli, AnekalTaluk, Bangalore, (vide conversion order passed by the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District, Bangalore in his official Memorandum bearing NO.BDS:ALN:SR(A):45/2005-06, dt:29.04.2005), measuring East to West 40 feet or 12.19 Meters and North to South 30 feet or 9.14 Meters, in all measuring 1200 Square Feet or 111.42 Square Meters and property being bounded : On the East by :9 Meter Wide Road,On the West by : Site No.444,On the North by : Site No.466, On the South by : Site No.464.

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (www.canfinhomes.com). Please refer to the following link https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx

Date:09.07.2020
Place:Bangalore

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BRANCH ADDRESS :- No. 05, Mathushree Arcade, 100 Ft Ring Road, 1st Phase, 2nd Stage, BTM Layout, Bangalore 560076, Email:- bangalore@pnbhousing.com, website:-www.pnbhousing.com

APPENDIX -IV-A

PUBLIC NOTICE-E-AUCTION CUM SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction-Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower(s) & guarantor(s) indicated in Column no-A that the below described immovable property (ies) described in Column No.-D mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/Physical Possession of which has been taken (as described in Column No. - C) by the authorized Officer of M/s PNB Housing Finance Limited(PNB HFL)/Secured Creditor, will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS and WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" as per the details mentioned below.

Notice is hereby given to borrower(s)/mortgagor(s)/Legal Heirs, Legal Representative, (whether Known or Unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s), assignee(s) of the respective borrowers/ mortgagor(s)(since deceased) as the case may be indicated in Column No. - A under Rule-8(6) & 9 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 amended as on date.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in M/s. PNB Housing Finance Limited (PNBHFL), secured creditor's website i.e. www.pnbhousing.com.

Loan No. Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Guarantor(s)/ Legal heirs (A)	Demanded Amount & Date (B)	Nature of Possession (C)	Description of the Properties Mortgaged (D)	Reserve Price (RP) (E)	EMD (10% of RP) (F)	Last Date of Submission of Bid (G)	Bid Incremental Rate (H)	Inspection Date & Time (I)	Date of Auction & Time (J)	Known Encumbrances/ Court Case, if any, (K)
1) NHL/BAN/0316/272968 Mr. Nirmal Kumar Tejraj Bantia & Mr. Lalit Jain & M/s. Penguins Promo Products Private Limited	18.03.2019 Rs. 7,22,40,234.04 (Rupees Seven Crore Twenty-Two Lakh Forty Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Four and Four Paisa Only)	Physical	All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No. 44, 'Nitesh Rio' Residential Layout, Approved by BMICAPA dated 10/06/2016 vide No. 21/2014-15 carved out in Sy No. 19/2, 20/1, 20/4 situated at Uttarahalli, Manavarte Kaval Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, **Bangalore South Taluk, totally measuring 16714.34 sq. ft. and property bounded as follows: East by:** Site No. 39 to 43, **West by:** 10m wide Road, **North by:** 18.29m wide Road and **South by:** Private Property	Rs. 5,04,00,000/- (Rupees Five Crore and Four Lakh Only)	Rs. 50,40,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh and Forty Thousand Only)	24-07-2020	Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)	22.07.2020 at 11.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.	27.07.2020 at 01.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M.	**Nil/Not Known
2.) HOU/MRH/0717/413099 Mr. Thavrya Naik & Ms. Girija Bai & Mr. Guddeshnaik T & M/s Nayak Enterprises	24.07.2018 Rs. 24,23,025.41 (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Twenty Five and Forty One Paisa Only)	Physical	All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Plot No. 114, Having Khata No. 73/114, Property ID No. 150200102800220098 Formed in The Layout Know as 'Sai Prasanthi Homes of Sy No. 69/2, Dyavasandra Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, Layout Formed under Sy. No. 63/1, 63/2, 63/3, 64/1, 68/1, 69/1, 69/2, 69/3, 69/4 And 69/5, property measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 50 feet and the total measurement of the site is 2000 Sq. Ft. The property **Bounded East by:** Site No.115, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.113 and **South by:** Road	Rs. 20,88,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Only)	Rs. 2,08,800/- (Rupees Two Lakh Eight Thousand Eight Hundred only)	24-07-2020	Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)	22.07.2020 at 11.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.	27.07.2020 at 01.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M.	**Nil/Not Known
3.) HOU/BAN/0815/235095 & NHL/BAN/0517/387084 Mr. Prabhakar Ramanjini & Mrs. Jayashree.P	20.05.2019 Rs. 27,62,608.25 (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Sixty two Thousand Six Hundred Eight and Twenty Five Paisa Only)	Physical	All That Piece and Parcel of Two Bedroom Apartment Bearing No. B/208 On Second Floor, Measuring Super Built Up Area of 1070 Sq. Ft. In The Residential Apartment Building Complex Known as "Prime Flora Block of Prime City" Constructed On Sy. No. 96/1, 117/4, 117/5 117/6 And 117/10 (Old No.117/4) At Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, **Bangalore South Taluk, having 496 Sq. Ft Undidvided Share in The Land and Apartment Property bounded East by:** Open to Sky and Apartment No. B/207, **West by:** Open to Sky and Apartment No. B/209, **South by:** Open to Sky and **North by:** Corridor	Rs. 33,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty-Three Lakh Only)	Rs. 3,30,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh Thirty Thousand Only)	24-07-2020	Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)	22.07.2020 at 11.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.	27.07.2020 at 01.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M.	**Nil/Not Known
4). NHL/MRH/0617/404372 M/s. Aditya Infra and Agri Business Private Limited & Mr. Ullal Aditya Nayak & Mrs. Sudha Sadananda Nayak	25.07.2018 Rs. 11,52,32,861.84 (Rupees Eleven Crore Fifty Two Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty One and Eighty Four Paisa Only)	Physical	All That Piece And Parcel Of Non Agriculture Immovable Property Bearing R.S. NO. 58-4B2C(P), 58-4B1B, 58-4B2B, 58- 4B1B, T.S. NO. 1575/4B2C, T.S. NO. 1575- 4B1B, T.S. NO. 1575- 4B2B, T.S. NO. 1575-4B2C, With Residential Building Bearing Door No. 3-W-31-2648, 2649, 2650, 2651, 2651A, 2651B Situated At Kodialbail 'A' Village, Mangalore Taluk, Kadri Ward Of Mangalore City Corporation Limits, Dakshina **Kannada District 575003, And Property Bounded On East By:** Portion Of Same T.S. No. **West By:** Road, **North By:** Portion Of Same T.S. No. And **South By:** Portion Of Same T. S. No.	Rs. 5,46,75,000/- (Rupees Five Crore Forty Six Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 54,67,500/- (Rupees Fifty Four Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand and Five Hundred only)	24-07-2020	Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)	22.07.2020 at 11.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.	27.07.2020 at 01.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M.	**Nil/Not Known
5). HOU/MRH/0717/411503 &HOU/MRH/1017/442944 Mr. Kuniyil Dileep Kumar & Mr. Diljith Dileep	07.03.2018 Rs. 99,28,447/- (Rupees Ninety Nine lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Seven Only)	Physical	All That Piece and Parcel Of The Residential Property Bearing Site No. 9, Survey No. 51/4(P), Situated At Surathkal Village, now comes under Katipalla Village Of Mangalore Taluk, 9th Block, Interior To Kordabbu Temple Road, Within Mangalore City Corporation Limits, **Mangalore Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District, And Karnataka 575030. And Bounded On East By:** Plot No. 10, **West By:** Plot No. 8, **North By:** 9 Mrts Wide Road, **South By:** Part Of Same Survey No.	Rs. 52,68,700/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred only)	Rs. 5,26,870/- (Rupees Five Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy only)	24-07-2020	Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)	22.07.2020 at 11.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.	27.07.2020 at 01.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M.	**Nil/Not Known

***Together with the further interest @18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. incurred upto the date of payment and/or realization thereof. ** To the best knowledge and information of the authorized Officer of PNB Housing Finance Limited, there are no other encumbrances/ claims in respect of above mentioned immovable/secured assets except what is disclosed in the Column No.- K. Further such encumbrances to be catered/paid by the successful purchaser/bidder at his/her end. The prospective purchaser(s)/bidders are requested to independently ascertain the veracity of the mentioned encumbrances.**

1. **As on date, there is no order restraining and/or court injunction PNBHFL/the authorized Officer of PNBHFL from selling, alienating and/or disposing of the above immovable properties/secured assets.**
2. **The prospective purchaser/bidder and interested parties may independently take the inspection of the pleading in the proceedings/orders passed etc. if any, stated in Column No. -K. Including but not limited to the title of the documents of the title pertaining thereto available with the PNBHFL and satisfy themselves in all respects prior to submitting tender/bid application form or making Offer(s).**
3. **M/s. NexXen Solutions Private Limited would be assisting the Authorised Officer in conducting sale through an e-Auction in the Web Portal (https://DisposalHub.com). For any assistance related to inspection of the property or obtaining the Bid Documents and for any other query or for registration, you have to co-ordinate with the Client Service Delivery (CSD) Department Mobile No. +91 97100 29933, +91 98100 29926, Telephone No.+91 124 4 233 933, having its Corporate Office at NexXen Solutions Private Limited, 2nd Floor, Shree Shyam Palace, Sector: 4 & 5 Crossing, Railway Road, Gurugram – 122006 or Mr. Naveen P, Mob No. 9108344777 or Mr. Ashok R, Mobile No. 7760136111 or Mr. Iqbal Alam (Mobile No.: +91 99581 95453) authorised person of PNBHFL or refer to www.pnbhousing.com**

Place : BANGALORE
Date : 09-07-2020

Sd/- Authorized Officer
PNB Housing Finance Limited

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-19)

P & SC. No. 147/2020

BETWEEN : 1. Smt. Malavika Siddhartha Hegde, W/o Late V.G. Siddhartha, Aged about 53 Years, Residing at No. 28, 9th Main, 3rd Cross, Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru 560080

2. Sri. Ishaan Hegde, S/o Late V.G. Siddhartha, Aged about 25 Years, Residing at No. 28, 9th Main, 3rd Cross, Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru 560080

3. Sri. Amarthya Siddhartha, S/o Late V.G. Siddhartha, Aged about 27 Years, Residing at No. 28, 9th Main, 3rd Cross, Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru 560080

4. Smt. Vasanthi Hegde, Wife of Late Gangiah Hegde, Aged About 80 Years, Residing at Chattanahalli, Cheekanahalli Post, Chattanahalli, Chickmagalur, Karnataka - 577132. Rep. by GPA Holder Smt. Malavika Hegde. **... PETITIONERS**

AND : Nil ... RESPONDENT

Whereas the Petitioners above named have filed the above Petition under Sections 371 and 372 of The Indian Succession Act, 1925, for grant of Succession Certificate in respect of the Schedule Amounts. The below mentioned Schedule Properties were held by Mr. V.G. Siddhartha who is the husband of Petitioner No. 1, father of Petitioner No. 2 and 3 and son of Petitioner No. 4 herein, who expired on 31.7.2019.

Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this court in person or by pleader duly instructed **on 3-8-2020 at 11 A.M.** to show cause against the Petitioners failing wherein the appearance will be heard and considered as Respondents are Nil.

SCHEDULE A

	Name of the Account	Nature	Bank Name	Branch	Account No	Type of Account	Balance
1	Sivan & Co.,	Proprietor	Corporation Bank	MG Road, Bangalore	510101005669811	Current A/c	3,17,729.00
2	Sivan & Co.,	Proprietor	Corporation Bank	MG Road, Bangalore	510101005676621	Current A/c	4,94,067.00
3	Attigiri Estate	Proprietor	Corporation Bank	MG Road, Bangalore	510101006830885	Current A/c	22,192.00
4	Bynekhan Estate	Proprietor	Corporation Bank	MG Road, Bangalore	510341000697602	Current A/c	22,130.00
5	Chandrapore & Hegudloo Estates	Proprietor	Corporation Bank	MG Road, Bangalore	510341000697610	Current A/c	23,964.00
6	Heggudlu Estate	Proprietor	Corporation Bank	MG Road, Bangalore	510341000697629	Current A/c	15,781.00
7	Chettanahalli D Estate	Proprietor	Corporation Bank	MG Road, Bangalore	510101005673207	Current A/c	29,436.00
8	Devadarshini Estate	Proprietor	Corporation Bank	MG Road, Bangalore	510101005673169	Current A/c	45,561.00
9	V.G. Siddhartha	Individual	Corporation Bank	MG Road, Bangalore	520101253769627	Savings A/c	2,61,526.00
10	V.G. Siddhartha	Individual	Corporation Bank	MG Road, Bangalore	520101253776771	Savings A/c	43,041.00
11	V.G. Siddhartha	Individual	Corporation Bank	MG Road, Bangalore	520401000294988	Savings A/c	9,454.00
12	Attigiri Estate	Proprietor	Corporation Bank	MG Road, Chikmagalur	510101006471503	Current A/c	2,72,447.00
13	Bynekhan Estate	Proprietor	Corporation Bank	MG Road, Chikmagalur	510101004579207	Current A/c	11,43,892.00
14	Chandrapore Estate	Proprietor	Corporation Bank	MG Road, Chikmagalur	510101004578731	Current A/c	18,83,277.00
15	Lalbagh Estate	Proprietor	Corporation Bank	MG Road, Chikmagalur	510101004580231	Current A/c	2,02,947.00
16	Heggudlu Estate	Proprietor	Corporation Bank	MG Road, Chikmagalur	510101004578741	Current A/c	12,28,708.00
17	Devadarshini Estate	Proprietor	Corporation Bank	MG Road, Chikmagalur	510101004578758	Current A/c	3,87,948.00
18	Chettanahalli D Estate	Proprietor	Corporation Bank	MG Road, Chikmagalur	510101006695547	Current A/c	55,535.00
19	V.G. Siddhartha	Individual	Corporation Bank	MG Road, Chikmagalur	510101004580310	Current A/c	63,18,549.00
20	V.G. Siddhartha	Individual	Corporation Bank	Cheekanahalli, Hassan	520101213923821	Savings A/c	3,687.00
21	Sivan & Co.,	Proprietor	Canara Bank	Guddenahalli Hassan	388520100025	Savings A/c	47,755.00
22	V.G. Siddhartha	Individual	HDFC Bank Ltd	Richmond Road Bangalore	05230340000114	Current A/c	16,942.00
23	V.G. Siddhartha	Individual	ICICI Bank Ltd	MG Road, Chikmagalur	073901000973	Savings A/c	1,26,172.00
24	Bynekhan Estate	Proprietor	Indusind Bank Ltd	MG Road, Bangalore - 560001	200999030723	Current A/c	3,41,486.00
25	Heggudlu Estate	Proprietor	Indusind Bank Ltd	MG Road, Bangalore - 560001	200999877380	Current A/c	47,286.00
26	Devadarshini Estate	Proprietor	Indusind Bank Ltd	MG Road, Bangalore - 560001	200999030716	Current A/c	3,082.00
27	V.G. Siddhartha	Individual	Indusind Bank Ltd	MG Road, Bangalore - 560001	201000725438	Current A/c	-
28	V.G. Siddhartha	Individual	Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd	Mission Road Bangalore	0384040100007427	Savings A/c	19,544.00
29	V.G. Siddhartha	Individual	Karnataka Bank Ltd	St Marks Road Bangalore	1182500100039301	Savings A/c	2,73,493.00
30	V.G. Siddhartha	Individual	Kotak Bank Ltd	Lavelle Road Bangalore	5311280141	Current A/c	1,37,607.00
31	V.G. Siddhartha	Individual	66	MG Road, Bangalore - 560001	10461011000712	Current A/c	974.00
32	V.G. Siddhartha	Individual	Oriental Bank of Commerce	MG Road, Bangalore - 560001	10462191005177	Savings A/c	12,297.00
33	V.G. Siddhartha Chandrapore & Heggudloo Estate	Proprietor	RBL Bank Ltd	Gandhi Nagar Bangalore	1005712010001308	Current A/c	-
34	V.G. Siddhartha	Individual	Syndicate Bank	I G Road, Chikmagalur	09002010001897	Savings A/c	41,183.00
35	Bynekhan Estate	Proprietor	The Hongkong Shanghai Corporation Bank Ltd	MG Road, Bangalore - 560001	073196982001	Current A/c	52,718.00
36	Chandrapore Estate	Proprietor	The Hongkong Shanghai Corporation Bank Ltd	MG Road, Bangalore - 560001	073097404001	Current A/c	1,23,006.00
37	Lalbagh Estate	Proprietor	The Hongkong Shanghai Corporation Bank Ltd	MG Road, Bangalore - 560001	073115784001	Current A/c	64,458.00
38	Bynekhan Estate	Proprietor	Yes Bank Ltd	Kasturba Rd, Bangalore	002281400001628	Current A/c	774.00
39	Chandrapore Estate	Proprietor	Yes Bank Ltd	Kasturba Rd, Bangalore	002281400001642	Current A/c	16,634.00
40	Chettanahalli D Estate	Proprietor	Yes Bank Ltd	Kasturba Rd, Bangalore	002281400001557	Current A/c	300.00
41	Devadarshini Estate	Proprietor	Yes Bank Ltd	Kasturba Rd, Bangalore	002281400001590	Current A/c	60,066.00
42	Heggudlu Estate	Proprietor	Yes Bank Ltd	Kasturba Rd, Bangalore	002281400001732	Current A/c	1,387.00
43	Lalbagh Estate	Proprietor	Yes Bank Ltd	Kasturba Rd, Bangalore	002281400001545	Current A/c	-
44	V.G. Siddhartha	Proprietor	Yes Bank Ltd	Kasturba Rd, Bangalore	002290100018028	Savings A/c	-

Total amounting to Rs.1,41,69,366/-

SCHEDULE B

Sl. No.	Company	No. of shares	Value
1.	Reliance Power Limited	12	1200
2.	Foseco India Limited	2635	28,43,165
3.	Grasim Industries Limited	55	34,650
4.	Alps Stone Private Limited	4,95,000	49,50,000
5.	Kathlekhan Estates Private Limited		42,10,95,460
6.	Chandrapore Estates Private Limited	5000	50,000
7.	Coffee Day Natural Resources Private Limited	19,99,990	24,19,79,900
8.	Kurkenmutty Estates Private Limited	6,50,000	65,00,000
9.	Rajagiri and Sankhan Estates Private Limited	55,000	500,50,000
10.	Vakrathunda Holdings Private Limited	15530	93,18,000
11.	Tanglin Property Development Private Limited	10	100
12.	Way to Wealth Securities Private Limited	39,05,642	39056420
13.	Alpha Securities Private Limited	10	100
14.	Sivan Securities Private Limited	39,99,810	3,99,98,100
15.	Sampigehutty Estates Private Limited	11,257	9,00,56,945
16.	Giri Vidyut India Private Limited	1	10
17.	Coffee Day Enterprises Private Limited (Held with IL&FS Securities Services Private Limited)	43,30,000	6,47,33,500
18.	Coffee Day Enterprises Private Limited (Held with Standard Chartered Bank Limited)	29,94,345	4,47,65,458
19.	Coffee Day Enterprises Private Limited (Held with Edelwise Broking Limited)	30,17,448	4,51,10,848
20.	Coffee Day Enterprises Private Limited (Held with Way to Wealth Brokers Private Limited)	7,00,000	1,04,65,000
21.	Coffee Day Enterprises Private Limited (Held with Yes Bank Limited)	49,07,416	7,33,65,869
22.	Coffee Day Enterprises Private Limited	77,64,575	11,60,80,396
23.	Coffee Day Global Limited	1,01,54,826	220,08,65,578
24.	Coffee Day Resorts Private Limited	1	10
25.	Coffee Day Trading Private Limited	9550	23,87,500
26.	Xerox India Limited	667	6670
27.	Devadarshini Info Technologies Private Limited	19,80,398	18,50,99,980
28.	Sical Logistics Private Limited	4,00,000	9,69,23,662
29.	Vaitarna Timber Trading Private Limited	43,27,999	27,91,25,850
30.	Way to Wealth Securities Private Limited	84,85,060	75,03,510
31.	Shankar Resources Private Limited	1,94,86,800	18,99,63,000
32.	Shankar Resources Private Limited	20,93,023	18,00,00,000
33.	Way to Wealth Brokers Private Limited	1,001	10010
34.	Devadarshini Info Technologies Private Limited (OCD)	226	453,39,83,064

All the above Shares stands in the name of Late V.G. Siddhartha and the value of the same is 893,63,23,955/-.

Given under my hand with the seal of this Court on the 2nd day of July 2020.

By Order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

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After a slight dip in the number of cases in the last two days, Tamil Nadu recorded 4,231 new Covid-19 cases and 65 deaths on Thursday

Duo used ties with envoys for illegal activities

Accused quit UAE Consulate, started smuggling

Police personnel produce Sarith, an accused in the gold smuggling case, at a special court, in Kochi on Thursday

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AS THE probe into the attempt to smuggle gold through the Thiruvananthapuram airport is progressing, the Customs has learnt that the accused Sarith Kumar and Swapna Suresh used their close connection with diplomats as a cover to smuggle large quantities of gold.

Customs sources said the gold smuggling activities through the diplomatic channel started after Sarith and Swapna quit their jobs at the UAE Consulate. Sarith had received the baggage for Charge d'Affaires Rashid Khamis Al Shameli on seven occasions in the past six months after they resigned from consulate.

"On all these occasions, the payment for the parcel was made by Sarith. Contrary to the procedure of using consulate vehicles for receiving diplomatic baggage, Sarith went to the airport in his private car. From the airport, he went to Peroorkada. It is quite clear that the influence of top officials of the UAE Consulate was used for the smuggling activities. The links of diplomats with Swapna and Sarith are under probe. We are also collecting CCTV footage from the airport," a source said.

Meanwhile, Swapna has claimed that she is in no way connected with the case and had contacted the customs department on behalf of Rashid Khamis Al Sheimeili, the Charge d' Affairs at the UAE Consulate in Thiruvananthapuram.

The Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Court on Thursday granted the Customs Sarith's custody till 5pm on June 15. The Customs told the court that it has got call details of Sarith's mobile phone.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Thursday told the Opposition that attempts to unseat him from his position on the basis of wild allegations relating to the gold smuggling case will not succeed.

K'taka sees grave rise in suicides post lockdown

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THE SARS-CoV-2 virus has not just caused a worldwide pandemic that has claimed around 5.53 lakh lives so far, it also appears to have driven people to take their own lives due to fear, anxiety, stigma and depression.

After the lockdown was lifted, Karnataka saw a worrying jump in the number of suicides. The number of such deaths rose by 23% in May to 1,127, and by 18% in June to 1,084, from an average of 912 suicides in the first three months of the year. In April, however, the number nearly halved to 477. But April was also the month during which the lockdown (announced on March 24) was complete, and everyone was at home -- which, experts say, could have prevented people with suicidal tendencies from taking their own lives.

Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh, Regional Director, World Health Organisation (WHO), South-East Asia Region, said stigma related to Covid-19 infection may lead to feelings of isolation and depression. Another precipitating factor impacting mental health amidst Covid-19 could be domestic violence, which is reported to have increased globally as several countries imposed lockdowns, she said.

"Hitting lives and livelihoods, the pandemic is causing fear, anxiety, depression and stress among people. Social distancing, isolation and coping with perpetually evolving and changing information about the virus has both triggered and aggravated existing and pre-existing mental health conditions, which need urgent attention," she said.

Though preventable, suicide is a serious public health problem. Survivors of suicide attempts and their families often face stigma and discrimination in many forms. "The impact of suicide on families, friends and communities is devastating and far-reaching," Dr Singh said.

Early identification of mental health conditions, recognition of suicidal behaviours and appropriate management through a multi-sectoral approach is important, even as we continue to focus on arresting further spread of the pandemic, she said.

Dr H Chandrashekar, professor and head of the department of psychiatry at Victoria Hospital, said reasons for suicide are always multi-factored, combined, cumulative, unresolving and interrelated.

"There is grief everywhere now due to deaths related to Covid-19, and it may have an adverse effect on some. But people should be watchful of their family members, especially those who are in depression and have a history of suicide attempts. One should never ignore signs, like when someone says they feel like ending their life. They should not be left alone, and unconditional support needs to be given. Also, objects that could be used to commit suicide must be kept away from them," Dr Chandrashekar said.

Dr B N Gangadhar, director, National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), said, "People should understand that this (lockdown) is short-term and not only them but everyone is facing the same. They must focus on their work, spend time together with family members and engage in hobbies."

With the pandemic still accelerating and impacting people in multiple ways, WHO has urged people to pay greater attention to mental health and suicide prevention.

Suicide claims almost 8,00,000 lives every year globally, and is the leading cause of death among young people aged 15-29 years of age. Evidence shows that for each adult who dies by suicide, over 20 people survive attempts to do so.

RISING NUMBERS

10,658	2018
10,704	2019
5,425	2020 (till June)

SHARP SPIKE IN CASES TILL JUNE

January	953
February	884
March	900
April	477
May	1,127
June	1,084

(Source - State Crime Records Bureau)

Increasing Contingency Fund limit a one-time measure, says minister

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DEPUTY Chief Minister Ashwathnarayana, Ministers V Somanna, R Ashok, Suresh Kumar, S T Somashekhar, Byrati Basavaraj, K Gopalaiah and the Chief Minister's Political Secretary, S R Vishwanath, are set to be named in-charge of the eight zones in Bengaluru.

The cabinet on Thursday also approved an ordinance increasing the ceiling on the Contingency Fund from Rs 80 crore to Rs 500 crore to meet expenses towards the Covid-19 economic relief package.

"This is a one-time measure since the government needs to release funds to various beneficiaries like farmers, barbers, weavers, auto and cab drivers, etc., as announced in the relief package," said Madhuswamy.

The Contingency Fund allows the government to spend on non-budgeted expenses. As part of its Covid-19-related decisions, the cabinet approved Rs 207 crore for setting up of high-flow medical oxygen pipelines, civil and electrical works, scaling up of beds and facilities at taluk- and district-level Covid-19-designated hospitals.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, who had initially planned a meeting with all Bengaluru MPs, MLAs and corporators to review the situation, cancelled it to instead focus on zone-wise meetings.

EXPRESS READ

Sathankulam case: Two arrested cops shifted to hospital

Thoothukudi: Two of the five policemen arrested in connection with the Sathankulam custodial deaths case were admitted to the hospital after they complained of ill health. Only the three cops were produced before the Chief Judicial Magistrate. They have been remanded till July 23 and sent to the Madurai Central Prison. The other two policemenare currently at the Thoothukudi Medical College Hospital for the treatment of diabetes and high blood pressure respectively. **ENS**

LG Polymers did not comply with 16 inspection orders

Visakhapatnam: The high-powered committee, which probed the styrene vapour leak at LG Polymers plant at RR Venkatapuram, has observed that the plant failed to comply with as many as 16 inspection orders issued during 2016 for over three years. The fate of the 18 fresh orders issued during inspection in 2019 was not known, it said. The HPC said although three years have elapsed, LG Polymers had not carried out the required compliances. Besides, there were another 18 orders freshly issued in 2019. **ENS**

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Construction of Samudhaya Bhavan in Shikaripura taluks of 01 Package Work for Amount put to tender Rs. 279.73 lakhs and EMD Rs. 2.80 lakhs. **1)** Date of Pre bid meeting: 16.07.2020 @ 11.00AM.O/o EE, KNNL, DRP Division Shikaripura **2)** Date of downloading & submission of tender (through e-procurement) will be on 10.07.2020 to 20.07.2020 up to 17.00 hrs. **3)** Opening of technical bid will be on 22.07.2020 @ 11.00 hrs **4)** Financial bid will be opened after approval of technical bid

For more details visit website from date-10.07.2020 at (http:// www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in). OR undersigned in all working days during office hours on telephone no-08187-222206.

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Sd/- Managing Director / Chief Financial Officer
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Short Term e-Tender Notification (Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

1) The Karnataka Co-operative Milk Producer's Federation Limited Invited e-tenders from reputed Government/Private Manufacturers/Suppliers for the supply of 180HP Electric Motor, Make Siemens or equivalent to KMF Cattle Feed Plant Hassan, Hassan District.
2) Bidders can download and submit their bid through the e-procurement portal **https://eporc.karnataka.gov.in** of government of karnataka

In e-procurement port choose Department as	Karnataka Co- operative Milk producer's Federation Ltd
EMD Rs.	RS.10,000=00
Commencement of online bid submission from Date	10.07.2020 at 12:00:00 Hours
Last Date for online bid submission	24.07.2020at 12:05:00 Hours
Date of Opening of Technical Bid	25.07.2020 at14:00:00 Hours
Opening of Financial bid	As in e-procurement port

For Kmf cattle feed plant-Hassan
GENERAL MANAGER

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

WORKS BRANCH **MADURAI DIVISION**
TENDER NOTICE No. MDU-W-06-2020 Dt. 07.07.2020

For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are invited for the following works by the Divisional Railway Manager/Works/Southern Railway/ Madurai. Tender closing date for Item No. 1 to 10 on **03.08.2020** and Item No. 11 to 20 on **10.08.2020** at **14.00 hrs.**

Sl. No.	Name of work
1	Madurai Division-Transportation facilities - Hiring of TATA SUMO/Ertiga/ INNOVA or similar vehicle of ONE number to a period of ONE year for Sr.DEN/Co-ordn/MDU to supervise ongoing works all over in Madurai Division Jurisdiction.
2	Vanchi Maniyachchi - Tirunelveli section - Pro. replacement of exg. Steel girders with new PSC Slab / Girders in Br. No.1703 (2x9.14m) @ km 26/200-300 and Br. No.1708 (3x6.1m) @ km 27/100-200.
3	Zonal piece work contract - Zone-A1 Dindigul & Manaparai P. way sec. for the period from 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021.
4	Zonal piece work contract - Zone-A2 Palani P. way sec. for the period from 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021.
5	Zonal piece work contract - Zone-A3 Pudukkottai P. way sec. for the period from 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021.
6	Zonal piece work contract - Zone-A4 Sivaganga P. way sec. for the period from 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021.
7	Zonal piece work contract - Zone-A5 Mandapam P. way sec. for the period from 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021.
8	Zonal piece work contract - Zone-B1 BG/Madurai & MG/Madurai P. way sec. for the period from 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021.
9	Zonal piece work contract - Zone-B2 Andipatti P. way sec. for the period from 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021.
10	Zonal piece work contract - Zone-B3 Madurai City (Staff Quarters) for the period from 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021.
11	Zonal piece work contract - Zone-B4 Manamadurai P. way sec. for the period from 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021.
12	Zonal piece work contract - Zone-B5 Madurai City (Service Building) for the period from 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021.
13	Zonal piece work contract - Zone-B6 Kodaikanal Hills for the period from 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021.
14	Zonal piece work contract - Zone-C1 Virudhunagar P. way sec. for the period from 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021.
15	Zonal piece work contract - Zone-C2 Sivakasi P. way sec. for the period from 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021.
16	Zonal piece work contract - Zone-C3 Tuticorin P. way sec. for the period from 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021.
17	Zonal piece work contract - Zone-C4 Tirunelveli & Srivaikundam P. way sec. for the period from 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021.
18	Zonal piece work contract - Zone-C5 Sengottai P. way sec. for the period from 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021.
19	Zonal piece work contract - Zone-C6 Punalur P. way sec. for the period from 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021.
20	Madurai Division : Transportation facilities - Hiring of TATA SUMO/similar vehicle - for a period of two years each one for supervising the works to Divisional Engineer/North/Madurai and Assistant Divisional Engineer/Dindigul.

(Items 20 only)

Sl. No.	App. Value Rs. in lakhs	EMD (Rs.)	Cost of tender form (Rs.)	Period of completion
1	4.48	9000	1120	12 months
2	70.94	141900	5600	6 months
3	106.30	203200	5600	12 months
4	64.42	128900	5600	12 months
5	43.49	87000	3360	12 months
6	43.49	87000	3360	12 months
7	78.12	156200	5600	12 months
8	95.02	190100	5600	12 months
9	14.50	29000	2240	12 months
10	98.09	196200	5600	12 months
11	43.49	87000	3360	12 months
12	74.67	149300	5600	12 months
13	20.00	40000	2240	12 months
14	86.16	172300	5600	12 months
15	53.95	107900	5600	12 months
16	82.13	164300	5600	12 months
17	96.63	193300	5600	12 months
18	84.70	169400	5600	12 months
19	90.75	181500	5600	12 months
20	23.88	47800	3360	24 months

Further details are available in detail on website **https://www.ireps.gov.in** The Tenderer(s)/Contractor(s) to apply for e-tender for works in Madurai Division, need to get enrolled in the **e-tender portal www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted.
It is the responsibility of the tenderer to check any corrigendum issued for any correction or modifications uploaded subsequently in the website, the same shall be taken into account while submitting tender.

Divisional Railway Manager (Works), Madurai
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VISAKHAPATNAM INDUSTRIAL WATER SUPPLY COMPANY

'e' Procurement Tender Notice No:01/2020-21/DIRECTOR(T)/SGM/ GM(VIWSCO) Dt.08-07-2020

1. No. of works : **1 No. Supply , installation and commissioning of kirloskar make energy efficient vertical pump No.4**
2. Value of works (ECV) : **505.00 Lakhs**
3. Down Loading Starting Date : **09-07-2020 @ 2.00 PM**
4. Down Loading Ending Date : **27-07-2020 @ 3.00 PM**
5. Bid submission closing Date : **27-07-2020 @ 4.00 PM**
6. Technical Bid opening Date : **27-07-2020 @ 5.00 PM**
7. Price bid opening Date : **30-07-2020 @ 5.00 PM**

Note: For any other details required in respect of above tender notice, Please contact **GM(VIWSCO)** before applying for tender schedules and visit vsp @ @ **www.apeprocurement.gov.in** **GM(VIWSCO)**

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No: 903/SEE/Tr.(W&M)/EE(O)/AEE-3/M-61/20-21/1661-73 Date: 09.07.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement Mode only)

KPTCL invites tender from this office for **"Supply of C type wedge connectors of various sizes for maintenance of 400/220/110/66KV transmission lines coming under Tr(W&M) Circle, KPTCL Hubballi. the materials are to be delivered to TCD Stores KPTCL Hubballi - 2nd Call".**

The detailed notification regarding the under Called through the "e-procurement" mode can be obtained by logging onto e-procurement's website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **10.07.2020.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele)
Transmission(W&M) Circle
Vidyuthnagar, Hubballi-24, Ph/Fax: 0836-2203094

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PUBLIC NOTICE

For the attention of our valued customers

As per the Reserve Bank of India Guidelines, if Savings Bank Account/Current Account of the customer is not operated continuously for a period of 24 months, it will be treated as dormant. Such account requires fresh KYC updation to allow operations in the account.

Further, As per RBI Master Direction DBR.AML.BC.No 81/14.01.001/2015-16 updated as on May 29, 2019, Bank's have to have an On-going Due Diligence of customers requiring them to collect & periodically update the KYC documents.

Accordingly, the customers of Karnataka Bank who have not operated the account since last 24 months or not furnished the KYC documents in the recent past or since opening the accounts, are hereby requested to submit the latest KYC documents & information, such as A) Copy of Aadhar/ Voter-Id Card/ Driving License / Passport / Job Card issued by NREGA/ Letter issued by National Population Register B) PAN Card or Form 60/60A C) Recent Photograph, D) Mobile Number (mandatory if debit card is issued) E) email-id (if available) at the respective Branches.

The above KYC documents etc, shall have to be submitted on or before 10-08-2020 in order to keep the account in Active status and continue operations.

Date: 09-07-2020
Sd/-
Chief Business Officer

EDITORIAL

"The more we make friends with ourselves, the more we can see that our ways of shutting down and closing off are rooted in the mistaken thinking that the way to get happy is to blame somebody else"

Pema Chodron

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— Ramnath Goenka

PINARAYI VIJAYAN GOVERNMENT'S HOUR OF CRISIS

The Left Front government in Kerala is facing its biggest crisis of credibility yet. The audacious gold smuggling attempt using the UAE consulate in Thiruvananthapuram has landed Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's office at the centre of a raging storm. Besides international ramifications, the case has serious political implications for the ruling alliance. Finding himself answering tough questions after it emerged that the accused had close links to his secretary (who has now been removed) and enjoyed quite an access to the corridors of power, the chief minister claimed he had nothing to hide and wrote to the prime minister asking for a proper investigation to bring out the truth.

The case certainly has more to it than meets the eye; the state government has a lot to answer for. It has been five days since 30 kg gold, sent in a package addressed to the consulate, was seized, but the key accused, Swapna Suresh, is yet untraceable. The question is how she managed to hide from investigators at a time when the state capital is under triple lockdown and movements are restricted. Till recently, she was part of a government-run IT project, and there are no clear answers as to how she managed to get in. Then there is the matter of her close association with many in the higher echelons of the government. Whatever they do, this taint will be hard to shake off for the chief minister and his government. And the opposition will try to make the most of it.

The use of a diplomatic mission to smuggle gold raises other concerns too. There's a possibility that this may have been tried earlier—many times over. Besides, it's a matter of bilateral relations and hence needs careful consideration. What is required is a fair and thorough investigation. Considering the gravity of the matter, it's essential to bring out the truth and expose all those involved. It cannot be treated as just another smuggling case to be dealt with by the customs department. The decision to bring in the National Investigation Agency to probe the national security angle is a step in the right direction.

CRICKET & PERTINENT POINTS ABOUT RACISM

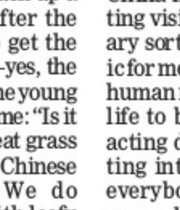
The return of Test cricket shared limelight with Michael Holding's take on racism and how it should be eradicated. Speaking on a Sky Sports programme aired before England and West Indies began the first international series since the global lockdown, the fast bowling legend won hearts with his simple yet piercing words. Holding drove home pertinent points, which are all the more relevant in a world that believes in dividing on the basis of race, religion and caste. Although he spoke about 'black' people, his words transcended geography and became the voice of all the people who are discriminated against, anywhere in the world.

The other notable point was the platform Holding spoke from. Sky Sports is the official broadcaster of cricket and other sports in England. In that sense, it is a part of the establishment that itself is guilty of being unable to address the problem of racism. Commentators are paid by the broadcasters. They depend on them for a livelihood and a good life. What Holding did and said was remarkable also because he was unafraid of using this stage, without worrying about getting dropped. So other than speaking the truth with relevant and timely references to history, he showed courage and character.

What Holding did was also a study in contrast, thinking of people in his position in India. The cricket commentary box is filled with big names, who are popular figures with massive following. Yet, they consciously toe the official line on most of the things happening in society. Barring exceptions like Irfan Pathan and Aakash Chopra, hardly any former Indian cricketer speaks about these issues. They all praise the establishment and avoid commenting on matters related to social injustice. This creates an impression that cricket is an island or a bubble, detached from its surroundings. Those who do not fit the bill are shown the door. Consequently, they concentrate on not saying anything controversial. Indirectly, what Holding said was also a scathing criticism of this mentality. This may not change anything overnight, but his words were precious considering the times we live in.

While the world goes behind a mask to save itself from a breathless extinction, the pandemic seems to have unmasked a newer, mutant variant of Beijing's imperial ambitions

HOW DO YOU SAY EATS, SHOOT AND LEAVES IN CHINESE?



SANTWANA BHATTACHARYA
Resident Editor, Karnataka, *The New Indian Express*

AMIT BANDRE

This was around September 2000, at the Chinese embassy in Chanakyapuri in Delhi. An informal interaction with the envoy for some of us in the media corps, followed by lunch—a rather well laid-out table. No, don't get ideas, we were not in any anti-national activity. India's relations with China were opening up under Prime Minister A B Vajpayee, the man whose initiative as foreign minister back in the '70s had brought the first post-'62 thaw. So South Block wasn't exactly frowning on this sort of thing. There was no Twitter to share the experience or get trolled either.

As I gorged on the glass noodles—frankly, that was the first time I was tasting real Chinese cuisine, not even encountered in the most 'authentic' Chinese restaurants—one of the younger members of Beijing's diplomatic corps struck up a conversation with me. After the usual banter on where to get the best red snapper in town—yes, the humdrum INA Market!—the young diplomat tentatively asked me: "Is it true that, in India, people eat grass and leaves?!" (Er…as if the Chinese don't eat *bok choy*!) We do make wonderful things with leafy vegetables, I said, and if one ventures east one can even get fish cooked with greens. Yes, we do enjoy our greens and thank god we can make entire meals with them!

Don't get me wrong, I'm not on some surrogate campaign for vegetarianism here. (On this count at least, trust a Bengali.) Almost impossible varieties coexist in India, even if not always peacefully. Food sensitivities form a separate, morbid politics. In our younger days, we did believe the Chinese ate everything, including creepy crawlies. So what if they do? Those informal community stereotypes came back in full force after the present pandemic was alleged to have directly owed to their allegedly batty diet preferences. Not a lot of us have grown out of our childhood mental categories … or grown much fascination for facts.

But it's not just the rest of us who are acting batty. 'Corona' literally means 'crown' in Latin, and a novel coronavirus seems to have struck China metaphorically too! It's getting visions—and not of the visionary sort. Instead of being apologetic for messing up everything for the human race—from trade to normal life to basic livelihood—they are acting defiant and aggressive, getting into a brawl with just about everybody in the immediate and somewhat distant neighbourhood.

While the world goes behind a mask to save itself from a breathless extinction, the pandemic seems to have unmasked a newer, mutant variant of Beijing's imperial ambitions. It wants to mark territory on the high spurs of the Himalayas or out on the deep blue waters. Sinking a Vietnamese fishing vessel, trawling for oil in the exclusive Malaysian economic zone, conducting sea trials by the PLA Navy and, to top it all, creating two administrative districts in the disputed South China Sea. And even as those fatal fistcuffs were being exchanged up in Ladakh, Senkaku saw some tinderbox action too. Since 1972, those islands have been administered by Japan—which has a mutual defence treaty with the US, not revoked by Trump yet!—but China lays a hereditary claim over it. Not to mention the plight of Hong Kong. Or indeed, the strange heat building up over Taiwan…

What's bitten China really? Why does it want to spread itself so thin, at a moment when it could use alliance-making? Exacerbating old fights, reopening wounds, getting isolated in the process? Seeing a pandemic-struck world in a confused disarray, with no clear order in sight, is Beijing playing for glory? Or maybe, inspired by new friend Vladimir Putin's Tsarist behaviour, does Xi Jinping too think this is the time to become the Next Last Emperor of the Qing dynasty?

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The point is, India isn't brimming with economic (or democratic) robustness at this point, but the Chinese economy isn't exactly in the pink of health either. Maybe its maritime adventurism is linked to anxiety over control of resources and access to them. That still leaves its Himalayan adventure unexplained. Experts like Salvatore Babones feel China's dominance strategy based around the grand Belt and Road Initiative, which includes the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, is turning out to be a 'white elephant'. The all-weather Karakoram Highway can now take Shenzhen to Gwadar in the blink of an eye—but where's the old galloping GDP to put goods on that gleaming highway? (Why then this nervousness over Indian infrastructure reaching near Karakoram?) The BRI lies there, suffering from the same attrition as those stunning rail lines that can bring goodies from Antwerp warehouses to Wuhan and Beijing.

Wait, don't forget Kathmandu. Chinese envoy Hou Yanqi is currently holding closed-door meetings with Nepalese politicians to save K P Sharma Oli's government. (She hasn't managed to net Prachanda yet. But who knows.) There's at least rationally discernible geopolitics there. No remote economic or strategic logic can explain why Beijing would want to lay claim on the 650 sq km Sakteng wildlife sanctuary in Bhutan, a swathe that has no common border with China and abuts Arunachal Pradesh. Unless Beijing thinks Arunachal is already in its pocket! This piece of astonishment was sprung by Beijing at the Global Environment Facility Council.

All this Chinese hyperactivity, markedly high on chilli sauce for the six months, has left everyone on tenterhooks—not just India. That New Delhi has allowed an easier playfield for Beijing's unadulterated ambitions by managing to unfriend most of its own immediate neighbourhood is of course logical. We are the world's largest democracy. We are always busy fighting and winning elections. Pass the noodles, will you?

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EASE OF DOING BUSINESS FOR ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT

CHANDRAJIT BANERJEE
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In the wake of Covid-19, the Central and state governments have accorded an unprecedented priority to improving the business environment in the country by driving reforms to facilitate ease of doing business. The country has jumped up to rank 63 from 142 in the World Bank Doing Business report, indicating the success of this effort. Under the Atmanirbhar Bharat package, various schemes have been announced by the finance ministry that focus on reforms for ease of doing business in India.

To further enhance the competitiveness of the Indian industry, this reform momentum must be sustained with regular monitoring. Equally, it is important that Central and state governments ensure the reforms reach the grassroots industry effectively with short-term measures and long-term strategies.

First, the online Single Window System (SWS) is an effective way to rationalise procedures, time and cost of operations for businesses. While a majority of the states have adopted it, the SWS should be set up by all states and Union Territories within the next 12 months. The effectiveness of the SWS can be strengthened across India by the implementation of certain measures such as setting up a Central Monitoring Mechanism headed by the chief secretary for reviewing the SWS of various states at regular intervals; ensuring timely technological updates of the online portal; improving effectiveness of the Right to Services Act and encouraging self and third-party certifications, etc.

The second critical issue for domestic businesses is property registration and land acquisition, which is a cumbersome and costly process. Simplifying property registration and acquisition of land by introducing reforms can help companies set up or expand in India faster. This can be achieved by introducing reforms such as allowing industries to buy land directly from farmers; rationalising stamp duty across states; digitising and integrating land records at various levels; and setting up a single window in each state for all land-related information, transactions, digitised records and land titles.

Three, despite significant reforms by the government, labour laws compliance necessitates high costs. The government should consider introducing reforms that reduce the regulatory burden of labour compliances, including exempting industry from select labour laws for a period of three years. Increasing the threshold limit for certain labour laws such as Industrial Disputes Act and Factories Act can encourage scale in manufacturing. Notifying and implementing the 'Fixed Term Employment Workman' rules across states should be carried out at the earliest to raise flexibility of employment. A single labour authority in each state and decriminalising labour laws, among others, would further add to ease of doing business.

Four, trade facilitation has seen extensive reforms in the last few years, helping India record a massive improvement in the 'Trading Across Borders' ranking from the 146th position in 2018 to the 68th spot. There is scope to improve it further to help India come at par with the best performing economies. The areas to be strengthened are promoting the Authorised Economic Operator programme and the Risk Management System. Encouraging Direct Port Delivery, developing a Common Customs Portal for critical information and strengthening the Port Community System would streamline movement across borders.

For a self-reliant, globally competitive India, the combination of facilitative reforms for ease of doing business and effective monitoring mechanisms for schemes and programmes that have been already implemented is the need of the hour

Five, while the government has been working assiduously for improving the business environment in the country, contract enforcement continues to remain weak. The government can improve the dispute resolution mechanism in the country through multiple initiatives, such as strengthening the ADR mechanism and developing model contract templates for a few key sectors in consultation with industry participants. Adding infrastructure and judges as well as commercial courts would help in this effort.

Six, there is a need to reform the inspection procedures that are currently being used by different agencies. A rationalised inspection mechanism can be fostered through synchronised joint inspections across states, categorising industries based on risk-based profiles and ensuring that all states develop an effective online Central Inspection System for labour, fire, lift, electricity, boilers, etc.

Seven, the high logistics cost has been a challenge in the country for a long time. The infrastructure to GDP expenditure must be raised to ensure better transportation facilities. The share of railways and waterways in the overall transport system can be stepped up. It is also important to lower costs of logistics by averting cross subsidies for freight movement.

Eight, the MSME sector is the engine of growth for the economy and can benefit greatly from lower costs due to a facilitative operating environment. Enterprises with a successful track record of compliances can be permitted to undertake self-certification with easier inspection procedures.

For a self-reliant, globally competitive India, the combination of facilitative reforms for ease of doing business and effective monitoring mechanisms for already-implemented schemes and programmes is the need of the hour. With this dual strategy, India has the potential to attract more overseas investment and become the factory of the world.

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Healthcare needs overhaul

This is with reference to the suggestion of Dr Devi Shetty that to reduce mortality, we need about 50,000 more doctors and 1.5-2 lakh nurses. This is eminently reasonable. It is to be noted that many Indian doctors and nurses are working abroad, in the US, UK and Gulf countries, for various reasons. Further, medical education, particularly PG, is costly and the salaries in India are low. These call for a total overhaul of the healthcare sector.

Hemanth D Pai, Bengaluru

Resistance to change

This is with reference to the interesting write-up *Life after Covid: It's a machine world* (July 8). The chances are many will soon get back to their old practices. For one, people generally don't like to change. Two, tax evaders who are very much there in India always prefer being less digital.

P Mangalachandran, Kannur

Why is Cong agitated?

If the conduct of the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, Rajiv Gandhi Charitable Trust and Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust are in order and beyond reproach, why should the Congress and its leaders get agitated or worked up over the Centre's decision to probe the alleged violations of various legal provisions by the three NGOs? It would have been befitting on their part to have welcomed the probe and eased the process of ascertaining the facts.

C G Kuriakose, Kothamangalam

Diverting attention

The Centre's move to institute a probe is only an attempt to divert attention from the serious questions raised against the government by opposition parties, if the snail-paced investigation into Robert Vadra's allegedly dodgy land deals is any indication.

A Raveendranath, Aranmula

Communists, Nepal & China

This is with reference to *Chinese envoy meets Nepal's ruling party leaders to save Oli* (July 8). The Chinese ambassador's interference in Nepal's internal matters and her consultations with the Nepal Communist Party leaders to save K P Sharma Oli's government is another instance where we can see communists nourishing extra-territorial loyalties.

Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery

Tale of two civilisations

This is with reference to *It's a civilisational conflict, not a border issue* (July 8). The author has compared Chinese culture and their way of life with Indian culture. We have been humane to all animal species whereas the Chinese treat them as fodder. The outbreak of so many viral infections from Sars to Covid is the result.

Sarit Kumar, email

Don't disturb Swaraj Maidan

Please do not disturb Vijawayada's Swaraj Maidan. Many sportspersons have started their careers here as it is easily accessible. Mahatma Gandhi and many national leaders have addressed meetings here during the freedom struggle. Further, there is already an Ambedkar memorial in the city. We are facing a pandemic and this is not the time to erect statues. The priority should be saving lives.

M V G Ahobala Rao, Tenali

Not right time for demolition

It was not the right time to demolish the old, prestigious Secretariat building in Hyderabad and spend ₹500 crore to construct a new one. The state is now grappling with Covid. The blocks could have been used as a temporary hospital to treat Covid patients, projected to increase in large numbers.

O Prasada Rao, Hyderabad

Notice unusual behaviour

Two men have been held for allegedly promising to marry and then abusing minors in two separate incidents in Kerala's capital. Parents should be vigilant and notice any unusual behaviour of their wards. They should be friendly with them and encourage kids to come out openly to discuss any problems. Children should also not keep their affairs secret.

S Balasubramanian, Thiruvananthapuram

Hoodwinking the unwary

Taking advantage of the growing anxiety over Covid, some make tall claims and try to hoodwink people, the latest trickster being a *mysurpa* maker near Coimbatore (*'Sweet' gimmick: Herbal mysurpa lands vendor in trouble*, July 8). Authorities should keep their eyes and ears wide open so that unscrupulous elements do not take the unwary for a ride.

P G Menon, Chennai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Ashok Gehlot @ashokgehlot51
Experts hv warned this global pandemic may take a more severe form in coming days. In such situation, #awareness is the biggest weapon

P. Chidambaram @PChidambaram_IN
Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi lived without fear...taught us that it is important to work fearlessly. That's how we'll face witch hunt by govt

Capt.Amarinder Singh @capt_amarinder
...Request PM to review UGC's decision on holding mandatory exams for exit classes. We can't risk health of students... a pragmatic approach must be adopted

PM Narendra Modi interacts with representatives from Varanasi based NGOs via video conferencing on Thursday | PTI

Alarmist predictions on Covid proved wrong: PM

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PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said timely actions to curb the Covid-19 pandemic proved alarming prophecies of experts wrong.

Interacting with the representatives of social service organisations from his constituency Varanasi through video conference, the PM hailed the success of the Uttar Pradesh government in containing the Covid-19. He said Brazil has the same population size as UP, but the state has reported about 800 deaths in sharp contrast to the South American country that has recorded over 65,000 fatalities.

"There were many apprehensions about the impact of the pandemic in a state like Uttar Pradesh, with experts making comparison with similar outbreak of infectious disease about 100 years ago. The state has not only mitigated the impact of the pandemic, but a substantial chunk of the infected patients have recovered," said Modi.

> **Due to blessings of Lord Bhole Nath, Kashi is full of hope and enthusiasm even in this crisis... The people of Varanasi have proved that even coronavirus is nothing before them**
> PM Narendra Modi

"It's a matter of great satisfaction that the state administration exhausted all transportation capacities with the people rushing out to help the needy, and the vans of the postal department had to be roped in for the relief works," said the prime minister.

Seven representatives of the social and spiritual organisations shared their experiences of providing relief to the people affected by the Covid-19 and lockdown with the PM, with a few of them stating that they have begun mobilising people to produce goods in response to the Atmanirbhar Bharat campaign.

Modi said he had been in touch with the people in his constituency throughout the different phases of lockdown. "Varanasi will see the transformation in the coming times to emerge as an export hub of the country, while scaling up the works in the traditional handicrafts, beekeeping, fisheries and others. There are projects worth more than ₹8,000 crore being implemented currently," the PM said.

Govt plans another sero survey

Move comes even as full report of earlier sero survey carried out in May is yet to be released

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

THE Centre on Thursday announced that another round of pan-India sero-surveillance in order to assess the spread of coronavirus is being planned even as full report of the previous sero survey carried out in May is yet to be released.

Rajesh Bhushan, Officer on Special Duty in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on Thursday said the report from the previous study is under 'peer review' and a fresh survey is being planned now as the last one gave the status of infection spread till April.

Sources in the National Institute of Epidemiology under the ICMR, which has led the survey, however, said the paper has not been approved for publishing by the Council yet despite several reminders and is still to be submitted to the *Indian Journal of Medical Research*.

This indicates that the paper would not have reached the peer review stage yet. ICMR DG Dr Balram Bhargava could not be contacted to comment on this despite repeated attempts.

The last sero survey was carried out in mid-May in two parts — one in 83 districts across 21 states, categorised on the basis of zero, low, medium and high case loads; and the other in the containment areas in 10 worst affected districts. Sero survey involves testing blood serum from representative samples to check for antibodies against the virus.

Last month, Dr Bhargava had said the preliminary analysis of the first part of the survey showed less than 1 per cent of the population in non-hotspot districts had been infected. Since the survey was done in late April and IgG antibodies usually appear two to three weeks after the infection, it's estimated that the results showed the infection prevalence rate of April-end. No finding from the second part of the survey has, however, been released. This newspaper had reported that 15-30 per cent of the samples tested from many containment areas in hotspot districts were found to have antibodies against SARS CoV 2, suggesting that the viral exposure was much higher than actually detected cases.

Asked if India has entered the community transmission phase, Bhushan said on Thursday: "Even today, the health minister clearly said after the group of ministers' meeting that India has not reached the stage of community transmission. In some geographical areas, there have been localised outbreaks."

He underlined that 80 per cent of the active case load is concentrated in 49 districts. "In a country of more than 733 districts, if 49 districts account for 80 per cent cases, then it is not justifiable to talk about community transmission," he said.

He also stressed that if the prescribed protocol is followed, close contacts of active cases can be traced and tracked in three days and hence, "talking about community transmission is not justified".

JOINT BATTLE

India & China to collaborate on Covid-19 projects

RICHA SHARMA @New Delhi

WHILE US president Donald Trump has been blaming China for hiding information about the spread of coronavirus, India and China, along with other BRICS countries, have decided to collaborate on projects related to Covid-19 vaccine, new technologies, epidemiological studies and genome sequencing.

Terming the Covid-19 as one of the greatest global challenges that warrants a global response, the BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation Framework Programme called for multilateral basic, applied and innovation research projects facilitating cooperation among the researchers and institutions in the consortia that consist of partners from at least three BRICS countries. The BRICS nations account for over 25% of the world territory, more than 40% of the global population.

The thematic areas for collaboration include research and development of new technologies/tools for diagnosing Covid-19, of vaccines and drugs, including repurposing of available drugs, genomic sequencing of SARS-CoV-2 and studies on the epidemiology and mathematical modelling of the Covid-19.

The collaboration will also look into artificial intelligence, information and communication technology oriented research for Covid-19 drugs design, vaccine development, treatment.

As part of the initiative, government research funding organisations from the BRICS countries have agreed to jointly establish a scheme for funding multilateral cooperative activities. In India, the Department of Biotechnology and the Department of Science and Technology will be part of it while the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology and National Natural Science Foundation of China will take part.

NDRF existence does not prohibit setting up of PM CARES: Centre

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@New Delhi

DEFENDING the PM CARES fund, the Centre told the Supreme Court on Thursday that it was a mechanism envisaged to attract voluntary donations, unlike other disaster management funds.

In an affidavit filed in the SC, the government stated that the existence of the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) does not prohibit setting up of PM CARES fund — launched by PM Narendra Modi on March 28 in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic — as it provides for voluntary contributions.

The Centre's affidavit came on a PIL filed by Prashant Bhushan's NGO Centre for Public Interest Litigation, which asserted that in the face of the health crisis, instead of utilizing the NDRF funds, a separate fund has been set up which is in direct violation of the provisions under the Disaster Management Act (DMA).

However, the affidavit stated: "...There does exist a national disaster response fund as stipulated under Section 46 of the DMA 2005 which so far consisted of a fund in the form of budgetary provisions made by the central government in NDRF and state governments and the central government in state disaster response fund without any private contribution.

> **There exists a fund stipulated under section 46 of DMA. But mere existence of a statutory fund would not prohibit the creation of a different fund like PM CARES which provides for voluntary donations**
> Govt affidavit

"It is submitted that there exists a fund stipulated under section 46 of DMA which is called the NDRF. However, mere existence of a statutory fund would not prohibit the creation of a different fund like PM CARES which provides for voluntary donations."

PANDEMIC

SC raps Maha on migrants issue

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday pulled up the Maharashtra government on the issue of migrant workers and refused to accept its claim that there was no problem on this front. Pointing out gaps in the affidavit detailing the information on the migrant workers, a bench headed by Justice Ashok Bhushan said, "Your affidavit says food is being provided to all migrants, but we think it is far from the truth"

"Your affidavit is not up to the mark. We can't accept the State's claim that there is no problem....They have treated this as an adversarial litigation." The SC asked the state to file a proper affidavit and slating the next hearing for July 17," it said.

Curbs in Kashmir likely to be back

SRINAGAR: With the Covid-19 cases and deaths in Kashmir witnessing surge since the lockdown was eased, the authorities are mulling re-imposing some restrictions to contain the spread of the disease. Sources in administration said officials are closely monitoring the situation on a daily basis and if the death rate continues to rise, then lockdown might be re-imposed.

The Valley including Srinagar has witnessed a surge in cases and deaths after business and trade activities were allowed. Jammu and Kashmir has recorded a total of 9,261 cases and 149 deaths of which, the Valley accounts for 7,319 cases and 135 deaths. Of the 10 districts in Kashmir, nine have been declared Red zone.

Gujarat, Rajasthan among states that saw turnaround in corona situation

SANA SHAKIL @New Delhi

Medical volunteers conduct a door-to-door screening at Dharavi, Mumbai | AFP

AT a time when multiple cities in the country in states like Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Telangana are shutting down due to an exponential rise in the number of novel coronavirus infections, there are some places that have managed to contain the spread of virus to a large extent, data analysed by this newspaper for the duration of Unlock 1 has revealed.

The biggest example of the turnaround is Meghalaya, where cumulative active cases dropped to 10 by June 30, which stood at 15 on June 1 when the government rolled out Unlock-1.

Manipur, Nagaland, Sikkim, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Mizoram are the six states/Union Territories that did not have any Covid-19 death by the end of June. The states which recorded their first death during the Unlock-1 period were Tripura with a fatality rate of 0.07%, Ladakh with a fatality rate of 0.10%, Arunachal Pradesh with a fatality rate of 0.52% and Meghalaya with a fatality rate of 1.88%.

To take the example of a state with a fairly large population that has been able to bring the numbers down, one could look at Gujarat. It had 5,374 active cases in the beginning of June but was able to curb the growth of the virus and restrict the cases to just over 7,000 by the end of the month.

Compared to this, Maharashtra reported 37,543 active cases on June 1 and over twice as many cases by the end of Unlock 1 — 75,979. Gujarat, however, registered the worst fatality rate in the country at 5.66%, but that too was an improvement compared to its fatality rate of 6.17% on June 1.

Kerala, of course, has been one of the celebrated success stories across the world in the handling of Covid-19. When the fatality rate of most other states increased in June, Kerala's fatality rate came down to 0.56% on June 30 compared to 1.88% in the beginning of the month.

West Bengal is another populous state whose entire health machinery was looking to be overwhelmed by the explosion of Covid-19 cases in the first few days of Unlock-1. But it was around June 14 when the upward trend of active cases was checked and the curve of recoveries rose sharply.

From having the fifth highest active cases in the country on June 1, West Bengal slipped to the ninth position in the all-India tally. The state also managed to bring down its fatality rate from 5.63% on June 1 to 3.59% on June 30.

Rajasthan, which became famous for its 'Bhilwara model', was another large state which was able to bring the spread of the virus under control. From having seventh highest active cases of Covid-19 on June 1, Rajasthan slid down to the eleventh position by the end of June. The state had 2,688 active cases in the beginning of the month. However, by June 30, it had a total of 3,375 cases, whereas most other states with a higher number of Covid-19 cases registered at least a two to three-fold increase in their number of active cases.

Consequently, Rajasthan registered a significant drop in the tally of its cumulative cases. From having fifth highest cases in the country — 9,100 cases on June 1 — the western state slid to the seventh position with 18,008 cases by the end of the month.

The sharp improvement in the situation could have probably come from its extensive testing and isolating strategy. When even the worst affected states like Delhi were conducting only 8,000 tests in the beginning of June, Rajasthan was conducting around 12,000-15,000 tests daily.

4th Corps Commander meeting on LAC disengagement next week

PUSHKAR BANAKAR AND MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

THE fourth Corps Commander meeting between India and China will be held next week even as New Delhi on Thursday reiterated that China's claims over the Galwan Valley were untenable and exaggerated while Beijing said there was "progress" from both sides in disengagement along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

"The Corps Commanders will be meeting in the coming week to discuss and decide on retreat of larger troop formations and the heavy equipment, tanks and artillery," said a senior officer.

Troops of both sides were reported to be retreating from Finger 4 area on Thursday.

Confirming the additional disengagement, the officer said, "Mutual disengagement from the areas of Galwan, Hot Springs and Gogra are complete and verified and some thinning in the Finger 4 area on both sides was observed. The Chinese troops have moved back to Finger 5."

The officer, however, confirmed the presence of some troops on the ridge of Finger 4. The retreat in other areas is of around two kilometers from the location of stand-off.

India has maintained that LAC passes through Finger 8 where the Chinese have their military camp. They had moved around 10 kilometers inside to Finger 4 on the intervening night of May 5 and 6 when the PLA troops attacked Indian soldiers, leading to a stand-off.

Lt Gen Harinder Singh from India and Maj Gen Lin Liu of China will be meeting for the fourth time next week to decide on the next phase of moving back of troops.

"This is expected to take longer time as there is a presence of large number of troops and their supporting equipment, including the armoured vehicles and artillery guns.

Army trucks moving towards Ladakh in in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh | PTI

Meanwhile, Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said, "During the conversation (between NSA Ajit Doval and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi), the NSA conveyed categorically India's position on the recent developments along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), including in the Galwan Valley area. We have made several statements spelling out categorically the position of the government on different aspects of the current situation in the western sector of India-China border areas. They include our position that recent Chinese claims to the Galwan Valley area are exaggerated and untenable; that the LAC must be strictly respected and observed as this is the basis for peace and tranquility in the border areas; and that neither side should take any unilateral action to alter it." He said the next WMCC meeting is expected to take place soon.

Srivastava said the two special representatives have also agreed that both sides should work together to avoid any incident in the future that could disturb peace and tranquility in border areas.

"The diplomatic and military officials of both sides will continue their meetings to take forward the process of disengagement and de-escalation, as agreed to by the special representatives," he said.

China said that the two militaries had made progress to ease tension along the LAC.

"There is progress made on frontline troops taking effective measures to disengage and ease the tensions. Chinese and Indian troops held a commander-level meeting on June 30. The two sides continue to work to implement the consensus reached at the two previous rounds of talks," Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said, adding that the situation at the border was 'calm' and 'controllable'.

Meanwhile, Wang said at an event, "Unilateralism and bullying are forcing their way in the world. Aggression and expansion have never been in the genes of the Chinese nation throughout its 5,000 years of history."

POSTPONING POLLS

A PIL was filed in the Patna High Court by a Patna advocate urging for the postponement of the Bihar elections. This comes after several demands for the postponement of the polls in view of the growing Covid infection rate.

1 ELEPHANT DEAD IN BENGAL'S ALIPURDUAR DISTRICT

Ahmedabad	36	26	Mumbai	31	25
Bhopal	34	25	Panaji	30	25
Jaipur	36	27	Patna	33	27
Amritsar	33	27	Lucknow	34	26
Chennai	35	27	Port Blair	29	24
Kolkata	34	28	Imphal	29	22
Srinagar	32	18	Chandigarh	33	27

Cops trailed Kanpur gangster in five states

Vikas Dubey gave police the slip on many occasions during his run of about 1,200 km until his luck ran out in Ujjain, MP

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

FOR almost a week, dreaded gangster Vikas Dubey successfully hoodwinked police in five states covering around 1,200 km from Chaubeypur in Kanpur to Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh. Sources in UP Special Task Force said the police began trailing the don from the early hours of July 3. Before leaving his house, Dubey along with his 100 aides had ambushed a police team around 1-1:30 am on July 3.

The don reportedly fled his house on a bike driven by his accomplice Kartikeya alias Prabaht Mishra, who was killed in an encounter on July 9 morning. Dubey stayed put in Shivli for the next two days and took a lift in a truck and covered around 92 km to reach Auriyya on Sunday. In Auraiyya too, the don changed his locations frequently and left the town on July 5 to reach Badarpur, Delhi, covering 385 km in an SUV the same day.

On July 6 at 10 am, UP STF sleuths reached a hotel in Badarpur following a tip-off about Dubey's presence, but by he had fled. His location was traced to a sweets shop in Faridabad, Haryana at 3:20 pm on July 7.

Gangster Vikas Dubey in police custody in Ujjain; (below) his house in Lucknow | PTI

However, there is no detail or evidence available of his destination in between Monday and Tuesday afternoon.

It is believed that Dubey spent two days in Faridabad with a relative. He then tried to book a room at a guesthouse, but was denied. He left the place as he was tipped off about the UP STF and Haryana police On the basis of information about his presence, the Haryana Crime Branch reached Greater Faridabad and nabbed three of his aides and recovered weapons snatched from the police party in Kanpur.

But Dubey again evaded the dragnet and left Faridabad on Wednesday morning.

The UP STF believes that Dubey returned to Delhi from Faridabad in a private car and then moved towards Jaipur the same day covering 269 km.

Thereafter, he was reportedly spotted taking a bus to Kota where he is said to have stayed for some time. He took a bus at 1 am for Ujjain. His game was up on July 9 after he reached Ujjain, covering 252 km.

Police inspect the encounter scene at Etawah | PTI

Police were changing the tyre of an escort vehicle after it got punctured near Panki. (Prabhat) Mishra tried to escape and was shot down

Prashant Kumar, ADG (Law and Order)

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Dubey told Ujjain cops that during his run from Chaubeypur to Mahakal, he was duly informed about the police movements and those trailing him. However, when he purchased flowers from a shop near the Mahakal temple, the shopkeeper recognised him and alerted police. The private security guards, deployed inside the temple, were also alerted about his presence and they tailed him. The security guards stopped him when was trying to exit after offering prayers. When asked to identify, he told them his name was Shubham. On further prodding, he produced the identity of one Navin Paul, 28. As the guards grew suspicious, he picked up a scuffle with them shouting that he was Vikas Dubey. In the mean time, SP Ujjain Manoj Singh along with his team reached the spot and took the gangster into custody. "On being nabbed near the exit gates, he started shouting: I'm Vikas Dubey of Kanpur," said a police officer in Ujjain, adding that the history-sheeter might have shouted in full public view to thwart any possibility of his encounter killing with the cops. According to Gopal, a temple staff, before having darshan, Dubey, who had covered his face with a mask, had asked him whether he could keep his belongings near the Prasad distribution counter. Though the temple staff told him that he could do so on his own responsibility, Dubey left his bag at the counter. The sources also claimed that the criminal bought a 'darshan ticket' and then offered prayers at the temple. Earlier, he had also asked for a VIP slip but was told that VIP darshan was called off due to the pandemic.

'No rift, all's well in Bihar Grand Alliance'

RAJESH THAKUR @ Patna

AHEAD of the Assembly polls in Bihar, the opposition Mahagathbandhan consisting of RJD, Congress and other regional groups has intensified efforts to stay united to take on the Nitish Kumar-led NDA government.

"All is well in Bihar's Mahagathbandhan," said Shaktisinh Gohil, who is in charge of Bihar unit of Congress, dismissing speculation over divisions in the grand alliance.

He is on a 3-day tour of the state and is meeting allies in the grand alliance to sort out differences.

On Wednesday he had a discussion with RJD's chief ministerial face Tejashawi Yadav over dinner.

On Thursday, Gohil said at the party office that there was no need to worry about coordination among the alliance partners for the upcoming Assembly polls.

"Everything will be decided in the grand alliance collectively. We have realized our weaknesses and learnt from the Lok Sabha polls. This time, there will be no mistake", he said, adding the Grand Alliance will work to regain Bihar's on every front.

Taking a dig at the Bihar government, he said: "The people are fed up with the government. Farmers, labourers and the youth in the state are unhappy as there is neither employment nor opportunities to earn livelihood."

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Shaktisinh Gohil, Congress leader

The BJP would ruin the political prospects of both JD-U and Paswan-led LJP, he said.

He also said his party would select candidates on the basis of suggestions and sentiments of the people of state. "Our effort is not only to rule but rule well for the all-round development of the state. The grand alliance, if voted to power, would have a common minimum programme to develop the state," the Congress leader said.

Gohil later met Jitan Ram Manjhi. The former Bihar CM is upset with the functioning of the RJD.

Fewer students may go abroad for studies

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

The Covid-19 pandemic is expected to squeeze out a large number of Indians hoping to pursue higher education abroad this year.

While last year, nearly 4 lakh students went abroad to pursue degree courses, the figure could drop to as low as 30,000 — by over 90% — this year due to delay in both Class XII results and final year exams in institutes of higher education.

For most Indian students, five countries — the US, the UK, Australia, Canada and New Zealand — are the most sought after higher education destinations. China, Germany and France joined the list in the last few years.

Experts who guide students on higher studies abroad said, since the new session in colleges begins from September in most countries, Indians will not be able to seek enrollment this year and may have to make alternative choices of institutions and career.

"It takes about 2-2.5 months for the students to complete the admission and visa processes for studying abroad but everything is haywire this year, as a result of which those looking to go outside India will miss the opportunities and settle for local institutions," said Indrajit Das, a Pune-based higher education consultant.

He added that only a few who manage to secure admissions for sessions beginning in January or May next year could have a chance to study in foreign universities.

While the CBSE Class XII board results are expected by mid-July, the UGC has just asked higher education institutions to hold their final year examinations to September and declare results in October.

Sanchita Salaria, an education consultant in Delhi, said: "a large number of students prefer nations like Canada, Ireland, France, Australia and Netherlands because of their post-study work permits."

EXPRESS READ

Rajasthan BJP chief faces privilege move

Jaipur: Rajasthan BJP chief Satish Poonia is all set to be dragged into a breach of privilege motion brought against him in the Assembly for his remarks during last month's Rajya Sabha polls. Amid charges and counter-charges by the Congress and BJP, the saffron party has said that if Poonia faces privilege motion, then CM Ashok Gehlot too deserves the same for making horse-trading charges against BJP.

Bengal govt keen on coal mining project

Kolkata: To showcase Deocha-Pachami coal block project as the engine of West Bengal's economic growth ahead of 2021 polls, the government is keen on starting mining in the area. Chief Secretary Rajiva Sinha is scheduled to visit the area and meet the locals.

Campaign seeks Gogoi's release

Guwahati: A social media campaign for Assam's arrested activist Akhil Gogoi was launched on Thursday. Gogoi is in judicial custody following his arrest by the NIA for his alleged CPI-Maoist link. The campaign is the brainchild of Akhil Gogoi Anuragi Mancha Asom.

FLASHPOINT

UGC says final year univ test in Sept, Maha govt says not possible

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Centre and the Maharashtra government are headed for a collision over the final-year university examinations, with the latter expressing its inability to conduct the test in September as directed by the University Grant Commission (UGC).

Maharashtra higher and technical education minister Uday Samant held a meeting with state university vice-chancellors on Thursday where they decided to cancel the final-year exams. "I spoke with many experts and doctors who suggested not to conduct exams. The pandemic is not yet over. We should not put the lives of students in danger," Samat said, adding that he has conveyed this message to the UGC.

Samant said that the students are not also mentally prepared to sit for the exams and that there is no point to force them. Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Rajasthan and various other states have also decided to cancel the final-year university exams, he added.

"The UGC should decide the methodology to calculate the mark on the basis of the previous records of students. The state government has already taken over colleges and hostel and turned them into either quarantine centres or Covid care centres."

Samant said the UGC should give grace mark to students who had failed in certain subjects. "There is no point keeping students in confusion. The government and the UGC should take a holistic approach in favour of students."

The Shiv Sena, meanwhile, has already started an online petition to cancel the final-year university exams.

Fully commited to protect Kulbhushan: MEA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

INDIA on Thursday said it is assessing its options and is committed to protect former Navy officer Kulbhushan Jadhav. "We are fully committed to protecting the life of the Indian national in Pakistani custody," Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said.

Jadhav was arrested on charges of espionage in Balochistan and later sentenced to death by a military court. His execution was stayed after India moved the International Court of Justice (ICJ), which ruled that Jadhav must be given a chance to file a review.

On Wednesday, Pakistan claimed that Jadhav had refused to file a review and that he would rely on the mercy plea that he has filed. While making this announcement, Pakistan also said it has granted a second consular access to India.

However, India had dismissed the remarks saying the former Navy officer was coerced into refusing a review. India also hit out at Pakistan and accused it of playing tricks so as to not implement the ICJ ruling in letter and spirit.

Srivastava, in a statement on Wednesday, said that the announcement was a part of Pakistan continuous farce that has been playing for the past four years.

PM to take part in India-EU summit via video conferencing on July 15

'US has noted concern on F-1 visa'

The US has noted India concerns regarding F-1 visa issue, the MEA said. "We have urged the US that we need to keep in mind the role that educational exchanges and people-to-people relations have played in the development of our ties," the MEA said, adding that the matter was raised by the foreign secretary.

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the India-EU Summit to be held via video conferencing on July 15.

The EU side would be represented by President of the European Council Charles Michel and President of the European Commission Ursula con der Leyen.

The summit, which was scheduled to be held earlier in Brussels in March, was called off due to the coronavirus pandemic. The virtual summit will focus on delivering concrete benefits for the people of India as well as the European Union. "Issues like security, climate change, environment, trade and investment, connectivity and digital economy will also be discussed during the talks," MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said.

According to sources, the leaders are also likely to revive talks regarding the Free Trade Agreement between the EU and India. The FTA has been in the pipeline since a long time and talks on the issue had taken a backseat.

Last year, the European Parliament debated a draft resolution against the Citizenship Amendment Act after over 600 members of European Parliament signed a resolution saying the Act was discriminatory towards Muslims. The strength of the European Parliament then was 725 and currently is 705 after the exit of the UK. The voting on the resolution was deferred as the European Parliament said that it was not the official position of the EU and only the European Commission was to take a stand on it.

Meanwhile, sources said that the leaders are expected to discuss plans to strengthen and make multilateralism, with its core in the WTO and the WHO at its core, more effective. *ENS*

Two Lashkar militants killed BJP leader and his kin in Bandipora: Kashmir IG

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

TWO Lashkar-e-Toiba militants, including one from Pakistan, were involved in the assassination of BJP leader Sheikh Wasim Bari, his father and brother in Bandipora, the police said.

Both the attackers, the other a local, involved in the pre-planned attack were identified, it said, adding that all 10 security guards of the slain BJP leader were arrested. Although Bari was provided security guards, none was present at the spot when he and his family members were attacked by militants.

"After analysing the CCTV footage and circumstances, the killing of the BJP leader and his family members seems to be a pre-planned attack of militants," Inspector General, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar told media in Bandipora.

Bari, his brother Umar, who was the district president of BJP Yuva Morcha, and their father Bashir Ahmad, a BJP member, were gunned down by militants on Wednesday evening at their shop, just few 100 yards away from a police station.

The IG said security forces have launched a manhunt to track down the militants and they would be "eliminated".

Later, the slain BJP worker and two of his family members were laid to rest at a graveyard in Bandipora.

Relatives grieve during the funeral of BJP leader Sheikh Wasim Bari in Bandipora on Thursday | ZAHOOR PUNJABI

Relief for IIT-Kharagpur students

IIT-Kharagpur has assessed students in the spring (end) semester on the basis of grades of mid-semester examinations, assignments, class tests and viva voce. Earlier, it had decided against holding any online assessment after realising that several students are from rural areas where internet connectivity is poor. Semester examinations are cancelled because of pandemic. An official said nearly 13,000 students were evaluated based on grades of mid-semester exams, assignments and viva voce. A committee decided on the alternative assessment parameters.

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KOLKATA DIARY

Covid awareness campaign

Police have launched a campaign to spread awareness about Covid with renewed intensity in pockets of Kolkata. The awareness drive is likely to intensify in the containment zones announced on Wednesday where lockdown norms will be strictly in place from 5 pm on Thursday for next seven days. The government issued a notification barring all trading, transport and operations of both private and government offices in the containment zones. The decision of implementing total lockdown was taken following a steep rise in Covid cases in Kolkata and its adjoining areas. All 80 police stations in the city are ensuring that precautions are taken at both containment and non-containment zones. The metropolis is trying hard to keep the Covid cases under control.

Mangrove saplings to stop erosion

The Indian Botanical Garden is planting 1,000 mangrove saplings along the Hooghly to protect the riverbank lining of the 234-year-old garden. According to the garden authorities, it is a continuation of last year's plantation drive when 2,000 mangrove saplings had been planted. By August, 3,000 rare and endangered mangrove species will be planted along the 1.8 km riverbank. "The plantation drive is being carried out to prevent riverbank erosion, apart from beautification and increasing biodiversity," an official said.

Another round of bridge inspection

Urban development department will undertake another round of repairs of flyovers and bridges in Kolkata, some of which engineers had recommended to demolish. The flyover that connects VIP Road to EM Bypass in Ultadanga, the flyovers in Baghajatin and Chngrighata and Kalighat bridge are among the ones that will be repaired. These flyovers have been accorded priority over others because an expert team, which is supervising the safety audit, has found them to be in poor shape. The team has recommended demolition of Chingrighata flyover and the Kalighat bridge.

1.3 million

US workers filed for unemployment benefits in the week ending July 4

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	24	18	LR	Los Angeles	24	16	LC
Colombo	30	25	TDS	Melbourne	16	5	LC
Doha	39	29	SNY	Moscow	27	14	LR
Dubai	41	31	SNY	New York	29	19	LC
Houston	31	23	HR	Singapore	31	26	LR
Istanbul	28	19	LC	Toronto	25	16	LR
London	32	18	SNY	Washington DC	29	19	LC

WASHINGTON

Big recession ahead, warns UK finance minister

British finance minister Rishi Sunak on Thursday reiterated his previous warnings that he would not be able to save every job and that the UK was headed towards a "significant recession" hit by the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown. "We are, as I've said before, entering into a very significant recession. We know that that is happening," he said.

ATLANTA

Atlanta mayor defies guv, wants face masks in city

Atlanta's mayor has signed an executive order mandating masks in Georgia's largest city, defying Governor Brian Kemp's decision to strongly encourage but not require face coverings. Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms on Wednesday signed the order requiring masks, which could set up a confrontation with the Republican Kemp. The order goes into effect immediately.

SAO PAULO

FB removes false accounts linked to Brazil president

Social media giant Facebook said on Wednesday that it has removed dozens of accounts linked to supporters of Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro as part of an investigation into the spread of false news online. Nathaniel Gleicher, the company's head of cybersecurity policy, said in a statement that 73 Facebook and Instagram accounts were removed.

BANGKOK

Thai Cabinet approves bill allowing same-sex unions

Thailand's Cabinet has approved two draft bills that would give same-sex unions legal status similar to that of heterosexual marriages. The draft Civil Partnership Act and amendments of the Civil and Commercial Code will be sent to Parliament soon for approval, deputy government spokeswoman Ratchada Thanadirek said on Wednesday.

BERLIN

German intel warns against giving data to Chinese cos

Germany's domestic intelligence agency is warning consumers that personal data they provide to Chinese payment companies or other tech firms could end up in the hands of China's government. In its annual report, the BfV agency noted that Chinese government have access to data stored in China by companies such as Tencent and Alibaba.

MOSCOW

Russian police raid homes of prominent Putin critics

Russian law enforcement agents on Thursday searched the apartments and offices of several opposition activists who campaigned against constitutional amendments that allowed President Vladimir Putin to extend his rule until 2036. The apartment of municipal lawmaker Yulia Galyamina (pic) was among those that were raided.

TOKYO

Heavy rains hamper flood rescue efforts in Japan

Flooding has stranded hundreds of people in scenic hot springs and hiking areas in central Japan, while rescue workers searched Thursday for more people missing in rain-related disasters that have already killed more than 60 people. Parts of Nagano and Gifu, including areas known for scenic mountain trails and hot springs, have been flooded by massive downpours.

MIXED U.S. SUPREME COURT ORDER ON TRUMP TAX RECORDS

Says president not immune from probe while in office, upholds Manhattan district attorney's demand for his tax returns; but rejects Congress' bid to get them

WASHINGTON

THE US Supreme Court issued a mixed verdict on Thursday on demands for President Donald Trump's financial records that will keep his tax returns, banking and other documents out of the public eye for the time being.

The court rejected broad arguments by Trump's lawyers and the Justice Department that the president is immune from investigation while he holds office or that a prosecutor must show a greater need than normal to obtain the records.

By 7-2 votes, the justices upheld the Manhattan district attorney's demand for Trump's tax returns, but kept a hold on Trump's financial records that Congress has been seeking for more than a year.

Trump, the only president in modern times who has refused to make his tax returns public, didn't immediately regard the outcome as a victory even though it is likely to prevent the president's opponents in Congress from obtaining potentially embarrassing personal and business records ahead of Election Day.

The documents have the potential to reveal details on everything from possible misdeeds to the true nature of the president's vaunted wealth – not to mention uncomfortable disclosures about how he's spent his money and how much he's given to charity.

"This is all a political prosecution. I won the Mueller Witch Hunt, and others, and now I have to keep fighting in a politically corrupt New York. Not fair to this Presidency or Administration!" Trump lashed out on Twitter.

The rejection of Trump's claims of presidential immunity marked the latest instance where Trump's broad assertion of executive power has been rejected.

Trump's two high court appointees, Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh, joined the majority in both cases along with Chief Justice John Roberts and the four liberal justices. Roberts wrote both opinions.

"Congressional subpoenas for information from the President, however, implicate special concerns regarding the separation of powers. The courts below did not take adequate account of those concerns," Roberts wrote in the congressional case.

Donald Trump

The ruling returns the case to lower courts, with no clear prospect for when it might ultimately be resolved.

The tax returns case also is headed back to a lower court, but Trump's major arguments have now been rejected. Because the grand jury process is confidential, Trump's taxes normally would not be made public.

Justice Samuel Alito, who dissented with Justice Clarence Thomas in both cases, warned that future presidents would suffer because of the decision about Trump's taxes.

"This case is almost certain to be portrayed as a case about the current President and the current political situation, but the case has a much deeper significance," Alito wrote.

"While the decision will of course have a direct effect on President Trump, what the Court holds today will also affect all future Presidents—which is to say, it will affect the Presidency, and that is a matter of great and lasting importance to the Nation."

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr said his investigation, on hold while the court fight played out, will now resume.

The case was argued by telephone in May because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The fight over the congressional subpoenas has significant implications regarding a president's power to refuse a formal request from Congress. In a separate fight at the federal appeals court in Washington, DC, over a congressional demand for the testimony of former White House counsel Don McGahn, the administration is making broad arguments that the president's close advisers are "absolutely immune". *AP*

> **This is a tremendous victory for our nation's system of justice and its founding principle that no one — not even a president — is above the law. Our investigation, which was delayed for almost a year by this lawsuit, will resume, guided as always by the grand jury's solemn obligation to follow the law and the facts, wherever they may lead**
>
> Cyrus Vance, Manhattan District Attorney

Seoul mayor, who went missing, found dead

SEOUL

MAYOR of South Korea's capital, Seoul, who was reported missing since Thursday morning has been found dead.

The police say Park Won-soon's body was located in hills in northern Seoul early on Friday, more than seven hours after they launched a massive search for him.

Park's daughter had called police on Thursday afternoon to report him missing, saying he had given her a 'will-like' message before leaving home.

News reports say one of Park's secretaries had lodged a complaint with police on Wednesday night over alleged sexual harassment.

A police complaint—allegedly involving sexual assault—was filed against Park Won-soon by a former Seoul City employee on Wednesday and local media said a television channel had been due to broadcast a programme on the previously unreported case on Thursday evening.

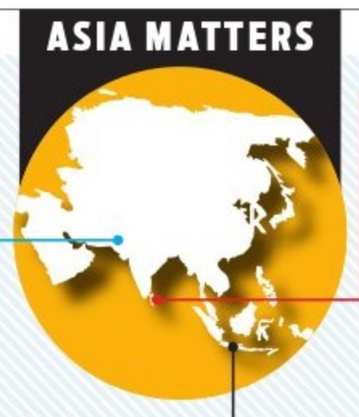
A longtime civic activist and human rights lawyer, Park was elected as Seoul mayor in 2011 and became the city's first mayor to be voted into a third term in June last year.

Park Won-soon

Park has mostly maintained his activist colours as mayor, criticizing what he described as the country's growing social and economic inequalities and the corrupt ties between large businesses and politicians.

During the earlier part of his terms, Park established himself as a fierce opponent of former conservative President Park Geun-hye and openly supported the millions of people who flooded the city streets in late 2016 and 2017, calling for her ouster over a corruption scandal. He has consistently been talked of as a potential candidate in the race to succeed current President Moon Jae-in, and did not deny ambitions on that front when asked by AFP earlier this year. *AFP*

ASIA MATTERS



PAKISTAN

First-ever infectious diseases hospital opens

Prime Minister Imran Khan inaugurated Pakistan's first-ever specialised hospital for infectious diseases here on Thursday to meet the increasing challenges posed by the coronavirus that has claimed nearly 5,000 lives and infected over 240,000 people in the country. The 250-bed Isolation Hospital and Infectious Treatment Centre (IHITC) was built in a record 40 days. Speaking after the inaugration ceremony, Khan appealed to the people to follow social distancing on Eidul Azha, expected to be observed on July 31

SRI LANKA

Interest rates slashed

Sri Lanka's central bank on Thursday cut interest rates for the fifth time this year in a new bid to breathe life into the coronavirus-stricken economy. The Central Bank of Sri Lanka monetary board reduced its lending rate by 100 basis points to 5.5 per cent.

INDONESIA

Bali island begins reopening after 3-month lockdown

Indonesia's resort island of Bali reopened after a three-month virus lockdown on Thursday, allowing local people and stranded foreign tourists to resume public activities before foreign arrivals resume in September. Normally bustling beaches and streets on the idyllic Southeast Asian island emptied in early April except for special patrols to ensure health protocols to contain the coronavirus were observed. Authorities restricted public activities, closed the airport and shuttered all shops.

Australia suspends extradition agreement with Hong Kong

MELBOURNE

AUSTRALIAN Prime Minister Scott Morrison on Thursday announced the suspension of extradition treaty with Hong Kong over the controversial Chinese national security law imposed there and offered visas to 10,000 students and temporary skilled workers from the former British territory to start a new life in this country.

The move came after Chinese President Xi Jinping last month signed a controversial legislation to impose a national security law in Hong Kong that allowed Beijing to crackdown against dissent, criminalising sedition and curtailing protests with punishments up to life in prison.

He said the Australian government will also extend Hong Kong-based businesses to relocate to the country and prioritise highly skilled applicants through existing streams from the Chinese territory.

"As a result of the changes that have occurred in Hong Kong, that there will be citizens of Hong Kong who may be looking to move elsewhere, to start a new life somewhere else, to take their skills, their businesses they have been running under the previous set of rules, and seek that opportunity elsewhere," he said.

WEIRD, WHACKY AND WOW

Want a donkey to crash Zoom meetings?

UXBRIDGE: Those in Canada looking to spice up their humdrum work-from-home office day can now hire a donkey to do so. It promises to inject fun by crashing your official meetings, its owners have claimed

Chinese envoy steps up mediation as Oli-Prachanda talks fail again

KATHMANDU

NEPAL'S ruling communist party appeared to be heading for a split as Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli and party executive chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' failed to iron out their differences despite holding over half-a-dozen meetings in a week, media reports said on Thursday.

The political future of 68-year-old Oli is expected to be decided on Friday during a crucial Standing Committee meeting of the Nepal Communist Party (NCP), amidst the growing involvement of Hou Yanqui, the Chinese ambassador to Nepal, to save the prime minister, known for his pro-China-leanings.

In her latest bid to mediate between Oli and Prachanda, Hou met the former prime minister on Thursday at his residence, the Kathmandu Post reported.

An aide to the former prime minister confirmed the Chinese envoy's meeting with Prachanda at his residence in Khumaltar but stopped short of providing details, the report said.

According to sources, Hou held one-on-one talks for about 50 minutes, the report said.

A file photo of Nepal's Prime Minister Khadga Prasad Oli (left) shaking hand with the chairman of Communist Party of Nepal Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' | AP

Prime Minister Oli is known for his leaning Over the past days, Hou has met with President Bidhya Devi Bhandari, Prime Minister Oli, two senior leaders of the ruling party and former prime ministers Madhav Kumar Nepal Jhalanath Khanal and some government ministers.

The meetings come at a time when the ruling party has seen deep rifts, with a faction led by Prachanda and Nepal pressing Oli to resign both as party chair and prime minister.

Hou had made similar rounds to ruling party leaders' residences back in May as well when the ruling party was in a deep trouble. Meeting with Oli, Prachanda, Nepal and other senior party leaders, Hou had then advised party unity.

A number of political party leaders have termed the Chinese envoy's series of meetings with the ruling party leaders as interference in Nepal's internal political affairs.

The Prachanda faction has been demanding Oli's resignation, saying his recent anti-India remarks were "neither politically correct nor diplomatically appropriate." *PTI*

BIDEN-SANDERS' AGENDA FOR AMERICA

US presidential hopeful Joe Biden on Wednesday unveiled proposals crafted with supporters of his progressive ex-rival Bernie Sanders as the Democratic Party prepares to release its platform at next month's national convention

BIG ON CLIMATE REFORMS

- The 110-page document calls for major steps to combat climate change, reduce systemic racism, expand affordable health care and reform a US economy devastated by the coronavirus pandemic
- Specifically, it recommend that Biden commit to moving the US to being fully powered by renewable energy, and meeting other key environmental benchmarks, by 2035. That's far more ambitious than the 2050 deadline he embraced during the primary
- **They also include criminal justice reforms that take on added significance in the wake of the May killing of African-American man George Floyd by Minneapolis police**
- According to *The New York Times*, the document proposed a federal standard for the police's use of force, a national database of cops who commit misconduct and an end to life sentences without parole

MISSING ELEMENTS

- The proposals did not include key liberal priorities that could prove too divisive for moderate voters in November
- **For instance, the recommendations don't include a ban on hydraulic fracturing that could hurt Biden in the energy-producing swing state of Pennsylvania**
- There's also no endorsement for Medicare for All, which dominated debate during the Democratic presidential primary but could alienate voters afraid of losing their current, employer-based private health coverage

> *Though the end result is not what I or my supporters would have written alone, the task forces have created a good policy blueprint that will move this country in a much-needed progressive direction and substantially improve the lives of working families*
>
> Bernie Sanders

The effort was billed as a "unity task force," in part to avoid the disaster of 2016 when many supporters of Sanders, who lost the Democratic primary battle to Hillary Clinton, opted to stay home rather than vote for Clinton

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TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹86.50

Target Price ₹145

Indian Oil Corp: For IOCL, the share of marketing in the total EBITDA increased to 32-40% over FY19-20, from ~20% in FY17, giving a more diversified earnings mix. IOCL has traded at a huge discount in the past decade owing to its capex cycle. Although, the company is now at the end of its capex cycle and we believe ROE is set to double to ~17.5% in FY22 from ~9.1% in FY20.

— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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EXPRESS READ

INFO TECH

TCS QUARTERLY NET PROFIT FALLS NEARLY 14% TO ₹7,008 CR

New Delhi: The country's largest software services firm Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) on Thursday reported a 13.8 per cent decline in consolidated net profit at ₹7,008 crore in the three months ended June. It had a consolidated net profit of ₹8,131 crore in the year-ago period, according to a regulatory filing. Revenue of the company rose marginally in the first quarter of the current fiscal to ₹38,322 crore. In the year-ago period, the same stood at ₹38,172 crore. Globally, businesses have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. While Indian IT firms had seen some impact in March, this is the first full quarter factoring in the impact of the disruption.

CAPITAL

PNB BOARD GIVES GREEN SIGNAL TO ₹10,000 CR FUNDRAISING PLAN

New Delhi: State-owned Punjab National Bank (PNB) on Thursday said its board has approved a proposal to raise ₹10,000 crore through a mix of both equity and debt. Besides, the board has cleared opening balance sheet of the amalgamated bank as on April 1, which is post amalgamation of Oriental Bank of Commerce and United Bank of India into PNB, the bank said in a regulatory filing. The bank will seek its shareholders' nod for the raising of equity capital to the tune of ₹7,000 crore in the forthcoming annual general meeting. The Government of India currently holds 85.59 per cent stake in the bank.

AVIATION

RAMCO SYSTEMS BAGS ORDER FROM US-BASED TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT

New Delhi: Chennai-headquartered aviation software company Ramco Systems has bagged order from US-based Tactical Air Support for its aviation software suite. Ramco will enable Tactical Air Support to automate supply chain activities that were previously manually managed. It will also help the company to do away with paper updates while permitting retrieval of real-time information on a unified dashboard, Ramco Systems said. With this partnership, the Indian company now counts three of the top four defense adversary air operators in the United States market among its international customers.

MARKET WATCH

MARKET
408.68 ▲ Sensex 36,737.69 | 107.7 ▲ Nifty 10,813.45

GOLD
₹138 ▼ 24 carat (1 gm) ₹4,924 | ₹210 ▼ 22 carat (1 gm) ₹4,904

SILVER
₹1,020 ▲ Per kg ₹51,220 | ₹1.02 ▲ Per gm ₹51.2

FOREX
▲ Dollar 74.99 ▲ Euro 84.53

Finance Panel seeks revised tax revenue forecast

Commission believes that the impact of the pandemic needs to be taken into account

ANURADHA SHUKLA @ New Delhi

THE Fifteenth Finance Commission (FFC), which is in the process of preparing its final report with recommendations for years 2021-26, has asked the Centre to put together a realistic, post-Covid-19, projection of the government revenue collections for the period.

"There is a common conclusion that revenue collection will be severely impacted by the Covid-19 corona pandemic. So, there is a need to reassess the earlier projections since they are redundant now. The commission wants the revenue department to give it a realistic assessment of the situation post the outbreak of the pandemic. This is important... is needed before the commission gives its final recommendation report," a source from the finance ministry told *TNIE*. The commission is likely to submit its final report in December.

According to the source, the FFC is of the view that much of the Centre-States rift came since the revenue collection growth was not as projected by the Fourteenth Finance Commission, on which the compensation to the States was based. So, it opined, there is a need to re-assess revenue projections, especially seen in the backdrop of Covid-19.

The Fifteenth Finance Commission, chaired by NK Singh, also held a detailed meeting in this regard with the officials of the Revenue Department, including finance and revenue secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey, CBDT chairman PC Mody, CBIC Chairman M Ajit Kumar and other key officials via video conferencing.

So far, revenue collections have been subdued, far below the projections of the government. The central government's net direct tax collections stood at ₹10.27 lakh crore during 2019-20, a record shortfall of ₹1.45 lakh crore, even after lowering the target in the revised estimates (RE).

The revenue deficit for the first two months of this fiscal year stand at ₹4.12 lakh crore, against ₹3.21 lakh crore in the same period last year.

This has created a major concern for the government, and will result in reduced revenue for the states too. In the current fiscal year till June 30, the Centre has transferred ₹92,077 crore to State Governments as Devolution of Share of Taxes in April and May, ₹7,010 crore lower than the previous year.

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Flipkart invests ₹260 cr in Arvind Youth Brands

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FLIPKART Group has invested $35 million (₹260 crore) to acquire a significant minority stake in Arvind Youth Brands, a subsidiary of Arvind Fashions Ltd (AFL). The move is likely to help the e-commerce firm tighten its grip on the fashion apparels segment in the world's second largest internet market. The subsidiary of the decade-old firm, which owns popular denim brand Flying Machine, plans to build the brand online and penetrate deeper into smaller markets.

"The partnership with the Flipkart Group will help us accelerate our online growth strategy as we focus our efforts on developing an omni-channel retail approach for Arvind Youth Brands and Flying Machine," J Suresh, managing director and Chief Executive Officer of Arvind Fashions said in a filing to the exchanges on Thursday.

Through this investment, the group also intends to develop products with "strong value propositions at attractive price points", he added. An iconic Indian brand with a 40-year legacy, Flying Machine, has been retailing on the Flipkart Group platforms of Flipkart and Myntra for more than six years.

The investment comes at a time when both Flipkart and Amazon have been expanding their private labels portfolio in India. With this buyout, the Walmart-owned firm could look to replicate a similar strategy in the fashion space. Arvind Fashions manages international and local fashion apparel brands in the country such as US Polo Assn., Arrow, GAP, Tommy Hilfiger, Flying Machine, Aeropostale, The Children's Place and Ed Hardy. It also owns and runs the value fashion retail chain, Unlimited; and has another partnership with beauty retailer Sephora for its India business.

In a separate filing to the exchanges, AFL said that its operations have been impacted significantly due to the pandemic-led disruptions. "With the outbreak of Covid-19, while footfalls had started getting impacted from early March, a complete shutdown has impacted the company's revenue and profitability in Q4. Company expects that investments in digital and omni-channels will help it overcome the challenges and react to evolving situations faster," it said in a statement. Actions have also been initiated to conserve cash by cutting down capex, it added.

On Thursday, AFL reported a consolidated net loss of ₹208.12 crore for the quarter ended March 2020. For the full year, it recorded a net loss of 399.36 crore, as against a net profit of ₹21.48 crore last year. AFL said it was "well-positioned to resume full operations" as malls reopen and expects to gain market share as business gets back to normal. The company has a network of 1,290 stores and presence across 10,000 multi-brand outlets in India.

AirAsia may raise over $234 mn in debt to stave off Covid-19 crisis

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AIRASIA is considering raising more than 1 billion ringgit ($234 million) in an effort to pull itself out of the current financial crisis, according to AirAsia Group Berhad CEO Tony Fernandes. In a statement on Thursday, Fernandes said that the airline has received indications from certain financial institutions that they may support AirAsia's request for funding.

"Of this debt funding, a certain portion would be eligible for the government guarantee loan under the Danajamin PRIHATIN Guarantee Scheme in Malaysia. Other than Malaysia, our Philippine and Indonesia entities are currently in various stages of bank loan applications. In the Philippines, we have applied for the government guaranteed loan under the Philippine Economic Stimulus Act (PESA), with an expected positive outcome," said Fernandes. Separately, in an interview with Nikkei Asian Review, Fernandes said that Air Asia can bounce back to profitability next year, but that it will look to raise 2 billion ringgit ($469 million) over the next six months to ensure it was in a comfortable position.

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Tony Fernandes, CEO, AirAsia

That the airline is looking for additional funding comes just a day after its external auditor Ernst & Young issued an unqualified audit opinion where it cast significant doubt on the ability of the airline to continue as a going concern. The airline has recorded a Q1 loss of nearly $200 million, its biggest quarterly loss since its 2004 listing.

In India, Air Asia runs a JV airline with Tata Group and holds an estimated 6-7 per cent market share. While reports have been doing the rounds that the Tatas may buy out AirAsia's 49 per cent stake, no official word has come.

A large number of budget carriers across the world have already announced bankruptcy while the big ones are taking all possible measures to cut their spending. AirAsia has also said it will be rationalising its headcount and implementing group-wide temporary salary reduction of 15-75 per cent.

COVID-19 IMPACT

Automotive aftermarket spending to fall by 11%

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HAVING decimated the sales of automobiles across all categories, the Covid-19 pandemic-induced nationwide lockdown is expected to bring down automotive aftermarket spending by as much as 11 per cent this fiscal year in 75 mega districts. According to a report from Crisil Ratings, these districts together account for a good 43 per cent of the industry's aftermarket revenue.

The economic crisis brought on by the extended lockdown is expected to whip up the woes of the auto component industry, including tyres, engine oil and lubricants, this fiscal, Crisil said. Since aftermarket automotive spends are typically driven by annual running and replacement frequency, the aftermarket for commercial vehicles, two-wheelers and three-wheelers is expected to bear the brunt of the crisis. Categories such as tractors and passenger vehicles are placed better.

Region wise, Maharashtra will be the most affected on aftermarket spend, followed by Tamil Nadu, Crisil estimated. Of the 50 high-susceptibility districts, Tamil Nadu has seven, followed by Maharashtra with six. For both these states, the list includes key cities.

Among metro districts, the city of Kolkata is placed at a better position than others, the report noted, because it has the aftermarket spend concentrated in the PV segment, which accounts for 50 per cent of the city's vehicle population.

NEW VENTURE

BP, Reliance JV unveils retail fuel brand 'Jio-bp'

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BRITISH petroleum major BP Plc and Mukesh Ambani-owned Reliance Industries (RIL) on Thursday announced the official launch of their retail fuel joint venture: Reliance BP Mobility Ltd (RBML). This unit, in which BP owns a 49 per cent stake with RIL holding the rest, will retail fuel on the market under the 'Jio-bp' brand, a joint statement said.

BP had bought the stake in the RIL venture last year, getting a hold on RIL's 1,400-odd petrol pumps and 31 aviation turbine fuel (ATF) stations for $1 billion.

"Following initial agreements in 2019, BP and RIL teams have worked closely over the past few months in a challenging environment to complete the transaction as planned," the companies said.

According to the companies, the Jio-bp brand will begin selling fuels and Castrol lubricants with immediate effect from its existing retail outlets, which will be rebranded to 'Jio-bp' in due course. "It will leverage Reliance's presence across 21 states and its millions of consumers through the Jio digital platform. BP will bring its extensive global experience in high-quality differentiated fuels, lubricants, retail, and advanced low carbon mobility solutions," the statement said.

'Misconceptions over China link disheartening, India investment will rise'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

NOT willing to give up an over-billion strong consumer market to Mukesh Ambani's just-launched JioMeet video conferencing platform, US-based rival Zoom is setting up strategies to take on home-grown conglomerate. Among the key channels through which it seeks to do it is by ramping up in investment and increasing local hiring.

In a blogpost on Thursday, Zoom sought to dispel misconceptions that the app has links with China. "India is and will continue to be an important market for Zoom," said Velchamy Sankarlingam, who joined as President of Engineering and Products at Zoom in May.

"From large multinational brands with Indian operations and subsidiaries, to MSME enterprises looking to expand, as well as home-grown start-ups, India is a key market for Zoom," he said, "We have plans for significant investment in the country over the next five years and beyond, including expanding our footprint and hiring more top talent in the region."

Zoom, he stressed, was a US company that was publicly traded on the NASDAQ. "We do recognize that as we continue to introduce ourselves to the Indian market, there has been some confusion about the facts as it relates to Zoom. Some of the misconceptions are disheartening, especially those about Zoom and China. We want to work through these," he said.

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The video meet platform also plans to engage with more stakeholders in India over the coming months to support key priorities such as Digital India, StartUp India and Skills India, as well as introduce them to Zoom, he added.

With tensions between India and China at a boil, the local traders' body Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT), which represents some seven crore traders from across the country, has called for a boycott of Zoom. It also said it has instead started using JioMeet, an Indian alternative.

Meanwhile, Sankarlingam also stressed that Zoom understands its obligation to its users and takes security and privacy "incredibly seriously". The company had earlier announced a 90-day plan during the course of which Zoom released over 100 new features focused on privacy, safety and security.

Business & Beyond

138th Birth Anniversary of Dr BC Roy observed at Durgapur Steel Plant

The 138th birth anniversary of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, an iconic doctor and former Chief Minister of West Bengal was observed by Durgapur Steel Plant collectives on July 1. The bust of Dr. BC Roy was garlanded by senior officials and employees.

BHEL successfully commissions world's first Solar PV facility for Rail Traction applications

Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has successfully commissioned a 1.7 MW Solar PV Plant at Bina in Madhya Pradesh for the Indian Railways, the company said. The plant will directly feed power to traction systems of Indian Railways, a historic achievement, since this is the first time that solar power is being directly used for traction applications. Notably, with this, BHEL has achieved a direct injection of single-phase 25 kV power to traction substations of the Indian Railways.

TRL Krosaki sets benchmark in Torpedo Ladle Performance at SAIL Rourkela Steel Plant

TRL Krosaki Refractories Limited has created a benchmark in Torpedo Ladle Performance by achieving the highest ever life of 2,338 heats, still running at SAIL Rourkela Steel Plant. This has surpassed the previous record of 2,331 heats. This performance has been achieved through the "innovative zonal lining design of high grade and superior quality Alumino-Silicon-Carbide Carbon and Corrundum-Mullite refractories specially designed and supplied by TRL Krosaki".

Canara Bank Chennai Circle gets new CGM

P Palanisamy has assumed charge as Chief General Manager of Canara Bank's Chennai Circle. The Chennai Circle has under its jurisdiction 742 branches spread across 20 districts in Tamil Nadu and two districts in Pondicherry. The bank is implementing various relief measures like extending Guaranteed Emergency Credit Line (GECL) loans to the MSME sector and business enterprises as well to the pandemic-hit MSMEs, agricultural, corporate, and retail clients to overcome the financial strain. The state-run lender is also giving gold loans at attractive rates.

VCATS launches chapter in the state of Odisha

Venture Catalysts, one of India's successful integrated incubators, is on the lookout for good opportunities to promote entrepreneurship in small towns and cities as its expands its operations. Keeping in mind the Covid-19 pandemic, VCATS has is committed to the startup ecosystem even during these difficult times. Keeping in mind the physical distancing in the wake of the COVID19 pandemic, Venture Catalysts has opted for a online launch of its chapter in Bhubaneswar/Cuttack, Odisha. The firm has appointed Pradeep Agarwal as regional partner for Bhubaneswar and Cuttack.

M Taj Mukarrum assumes charge of Director (Finance), Powergrid

M Taj Mukarrum has assumed the charge of Director (Finance) of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) on 4 July, 2020. Prior to taking up this assignment, he served as the Executive Director (Finance), Powergrid. Mukarrum has about thirty five years of experience in the Power sector, which includes Long term Financial Planning, Financial Concurrence, CAPEX & O&M payments, etc.

P R R Rajha's 85th birth anniversary celebrated

The 85th Birth Anniversary celebrations of Ramco Group former Chairman, Industrialist and Philanthropist P R Ramasubrahmaneya Rajha was held at Rajapalayam. Ramco Group's current Chairman P R Venkatrama Rajha and his family members participated in the Keerthananjali and Pushpanjali held in his memory at 'Gurubakthamani' Ramasubrahmaneya Rajha memorial. Officials and Staffs also paid their respects.

Three boxers enter NIS after testing negative

Three elite India boxers, **Vikas Krishan**, Satish Kumar and Neeraj Goyat, have entered the NIS Patiala to join the training programme being conducted by the SAI. They took the Covid-19 tests on Wednesday and returned negative a day later. The three will be housed in a different block and undergo a few more days of quarantine.

West Indies' Jason Holder (c) celebrates taking the wicket of England's Ollie Pope (L) on Thursday | AFP

HOLDER GETS BOLDER

WI skipper leads from the front with the ball on Day 2 of the opening Test match at Southampton. A look at the highlights...

Career-best haul for skipper as hosts bundle out for 204

Holder returned with Test-best figures of 6-42 as England slumped to 204 all out on the second day. Skipper Ben Stokes top-scored with 43 for the hosts. Shannon Gabriel, who did the early damage, took all the other wickets for impressive figures of 4-62. The hosts resumed on 35-1 after rain marred international cricket's return from lockdown on Wednesday.

BRIEF SCORES

England (overnight 35/1) 204 (Stokes 43, Buttler 35, Bess 31 no; Holder 6/42, Gabriel 4/62) vs West Indies 57/1 (Campbell 28; Anderson 1/17).

Stokes of luck as all-rounder top-scores for home side

England could have been dismissed even more cheaply, with Stokes, leading the side in the absence of regular captain Joe Root, dropped on 14 and 32 after Kemar Roach floored a difficult diving chance at long leg before Shamarh Brooks spilt a far easier opportunity at extra cover. But Holder had Stokes caught behind as he aimed legside after advancing down the pitch.

6 Holder's 6-wicket haul is now the best figures by a West Indian skipper against England. Previous best was by John Goddard's 5/31 in Georgetown in 1948.

6/42 The figures are also Holder's best in a Test innings eclipsing his previous best of 6/59 vs Bangladesh in Kingston in 2018.

Sharma game for Europe despite 'risk'

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Chennai

THE Diamond Country Club near Vienna was a beehive of activity on Thursday as it welcomed back the European Tour, one of golf's elite circuits, after four months of inactivity. Shubhankar Sharma, one of the Indians who has a card to play on the Tour, was watching from his home in Chandigarh.

Even though the likes of Gaganjeet Bhullar and SSP Chawrasia have said that they may completely miss the European Tour in 2020 because of the pandemic, Sharma is itching to get back to action. He concedes that it is a "risk to fly right now" but, in the same breath, opines that "this is going to be the norm till a vaccine comes out."

"It's a risk but I am open to taking that risk," Sharma says. "It might take a long time till the vaccine comes out so this is going to be the norm. We just need to take precautions and be safe... just be aware of our health and expect the best."

Even though he is just 23, Sharma is mature enough to accept the decision of the organisers to restart the Tour without a majority of the players. "No, I am not disappointed that they have gone ahead without us," he says. "The Tour has to function, so many players in Europe want to play. Just because the flights aren't open (in India), doesn't mean they won't restart. It's very tough to come to a situation where you keep everybody's interests in mind. No complaints."

One reason the Arjuna Awardee has come to this conclusion is the Tour has already extended his card to the end of 2021. Even otherwise, Sharma is in a clearer frame of mind. The lockdown has given him a rare opportunity to fine tune his game for more than a month (he was one of the first athletes in the country to restart practice).

"Haven't had this long a break for a very long time. I have pretty much worked on every aspect of my game. Happy that everything has started coming back (in terms of chipping, putting and driving)." One can argue that a few of those components had deserted him in the beginning of the year. Of the six tournaments he had played in 2020, he missed the cut in four. His confidence was so low that he even took part in a PGTI meet in February where he finished T-29, his best finish in 2020.

He is also thankful that things have gone swimmingly well at the Chandigarh Golf Club, where he has been training since May. "There are no caddies allowed, everyone gets their own cart and there is full sanitation. The flagpin has a contraption so that you don't have to use the hand to take the ball out... there is no interaction so you are not touching anything or anyone apart from your own equipment."

TTFI seeks paddlers' consent on camp from Aug 1, Bengaluru preferred place

AYANTAN CHOWDHURY @ New Delhi

THE plan to restart the national table tennis camp is gathering pace. The Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) have sent a mail to all registered players asking for their consent regarding starting the camp. Even though top Indian paddlers are eager to resume training, there are multiple concerns that need to be addressed first.

It all started when TOPs contacted the top paddlers regarding restarting practice. India's top paddler A Sharath Kamal then had a discussion with the TTFI top brass and suggested SAI Bengaluru as the ideal place to train and whether that can be used for future national camps as well. Even TOPs seemed to be onboard with that suggestion. SAI centres in Kolkata, Sonepat and Indore were also part of the discussion but Bengaluru seems to be the preferred destination.

On Wednesday, TTFI sent out an email to all players in this regard while mentioning August 1 as the start date for the camp. While the dates might not be to everyone's liking, the fact of the matter is that players need to play on the table, something which they have not done since the first lockdown in March. "An element of risk will always be there but we need to begin training at one point or the other. Zeroing in on the ideal location was the main issue and now hopefully, players will agree," Sharath said.

Quite a few paddlers were initially hoping for training to resume at their respective cities but as is the case in Chennai, no SAI facility will be open due to the rising number of cases.

Travel, accommodation and quarantine period are some of the things that need to be taken care of. "We all want to train. There is no doubt regarding that. But how will we travel to the chosen location? What about players who stay in high-risk areas? What sort of rooms will we be put up in? Will players need to quarantine themselves upon arrival? These concerns are important and safety is paramount. We need to discuss and find a common solution," G Sathiyan added. Too many players will also prove to be counter-productive and hence the core players agreeing to be a part of the camp is the preferred scenario. The top players will now discuss and get back to the federation.

NEW RULE

3 positive players on PGA Tour

AFP @ Washington

THREE players who continue to test positive for Covid-19 teed off together in Thursday's opening round of the US PGA Workday Charity Open under "clarified" rules for symptomatic participation. Dylan Frittelli, Denny McCarthy and Nick Watney began with pars at the 10th hole in the morning start. The PGA Tour protocol guidelines involve players and caddies who meet the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) "Return to Work" guidelines after consultation with infectious disease experts and PGA medical advisor Dr. Tom Hospel.

EXPRESS READ

Barca win derby to stay in title hunt

BARCELONA: Barcelona kept their faint title hopes alive and doomed Espanyol to relegation on Wednesday as Luis Suarez's goal proved the winner in a pivotal Catalan derby at the top and bottom of La Liga. Meanwhile, Mohamed Salah kept Liverpool on track to set a new Premier League points record as the champions won 3-1 at Brighton.

BCCI CEO Johri's resignation accepted

NEW DELHI: The BCCI is all set to part ways with its CEO Rahul Johri, whose long-pending resignation was accepted on Thursday. While the top bosses in the BCCI remained tight-lipped about the development, a senior official in the know of things confirmed that it has been decided to accept Johri's resignation letter sent on December 27.

Karnataka Government (An Autonomous Institution)
KARWAR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, KARWAR
E-Tender Notification
No: KIMS/e-Tender/42/2020-21 Date: 04.07.2020
E-tender invited for **Unskilled Staff** services at Karwar Institute of Medical Sciences, Karwar. The details of e-tender can be obtained from website. http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.
1. Commencement of date for uploading of tender forms : 08.07.2020
2. Pre-bid Date : 23.07.2020
3. Last date for uploading the tender forms : 10.08.2020 Before 5:00 pm.
4. Opening of the technical bids : 12.08.2020
Sd/- Director, KIMS, Karwar

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(I). Sealed Tenders/ e-Tenders are invited from the reputed seed producer / Supplier of Paddy, Lucerne and Daincha Seeds. The e-tender ID - 23279. Due date and time of tender bid submission(Offline/Online) is 23.07.2020 upto 14:00Hrs.
For detailed information log on to the website
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No.EE/UBP/VJNL/DIV-05/CTA/Corrigendum-3/2020-21/315 Date:04.07.2020
SHORT TERM e-TENDER CORRIGENDUM-3 NOTIFICATION
(Only through E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL)
Due to technical reasons,one work (indent No.**VJNL/2019-20/IW/WORK_INDENT1363**)calendar events of this office Short terme-tender Notification No.EE/UBP/VJNL/DIV-05/CTA/TALYA/2019-20/1480Date:17.01.2020has been rescheduled as mentioned below.1) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications:20.07.2020 up to 17.00PM2) Pre-Bid Meeting Date:22.07.2020 at 11.00 AM,Venue at office of Chief Engineer, VJNL, UBP Zone, Chitradurga 3) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders:24.07.2020 up to 4.00PM 4) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: 27.07.2020 11.00AM onwards 5) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid: After Approval of technical bid.For more details please contact 08194-230102 during office hours. Bidders are requested to get updated with the corrigendum /addendum (if any) issued online in the entire tender process at website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
RO.No.218:DIPR/CTA/MCA/2020-21 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, VJNL, Upper Bhadra Project, Division No.5, Chitradurga.**

GVK EMRI 108 EMERGENCY
GVK EMRI, STDC Housing Board Colony, Basaveshwaranagar Main Entrance, Opp. Unani Medical College, Magadi Road, Bengaluru - 560 079. Tel. : 080-23280161.
Tender No: GVK-EMRI/KAR/SCM/TENDER/36/2020-21
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER - Through e-Procurement
GVK EMRI has invited bids through e-procurement portal for Procurement of **Personal Protection Equipment Kit to "108 Arogya Kavacha" Ambulances.** Tender documents are available in e-Procurement portal. Bids should be submitted by **5.00 pm on 21-07-2020.** For Details visit e-procurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
Office of the Executive Engineer, (South East-2) Division, 35th Cross, 11th Main, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560 041.
IFT No.: BWSSB/EE(SE-2)/PB/950/2020-21 Date : 06-07-2020
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
(Through e-Procurement Portal Only)
BWSSB invites Itemwar tender from registered agencies for the work of **"Linking of 150mm dia CI Line by 450 mm dia MS line to Improve Water Supply facilities to Survey of India and CPWD Quarters, 2nd Block, Koramangala coming under Koramangala Service Station of AEE(SE-3) Sub Division."**
Amount put to tender: **Rs. 2,61,802/-** EMD: **Rs. 6,546/-**
Last date and time for Receipt of tender will be on **21-07-2020 upto 4.00 p.m.** and the Date of Opening of Tender will be on **23-07-2020 after 4.30 p.m.** The details regarding participation for this tender can be obtained by logging on to : **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**
Sd/-
Executive Engineer, (South East-2)

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E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION
Two Cover Tenders are invited for the e-procurement of the following through the e-Procurement period.
Ref No. IGICH/SUP(1)/DRUGS/DISPOSABLES/2020-21.
Name of the Items: Drugs and Disposables.
EMD(Rs.): Rs.1,00,000/-. **Annual Turnover: Rs.** 5,00,00,000/-
The Tender Documents will be available online for download from **10.07.2020 to 10.08.2020** in the e-Procurement portal **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The last date and time for submission of bids online in the e-Procurement portal is 10.08.2020 at 3.00 PM. e-Procurement portal fees shall be payable. Tender(s) received will be opened online in the e-Procurement portal on 12.08.2020. Tender accepting authority reserves the right to accept/reject/cancel the tender/s without assigning any reason/s.
Sd/- Director
DIPR/DDU/541/20-21 **Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, Bengaluru**

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Date: 08-07-2020
TECHNICAL CUM COMMERCIAL TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENTS THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT
https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in
TENDER NOTIFICATION
SECTION 1. INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT)
1) Mother Dairy, Bangalore invites tenders from manufacturers / dealers / eligible tenderers for supply / Service of the following Equipments.

Sl.No.	Details of Equipments	Qty
	Tender No.: MD/ENGG/PROJ/T-68/2020-21/CALL-2	
1	Supply installation & commissioning of Label applicator for 200 ml flavours Milk bottles for New product section	01 No.
	Tender No.: MD/ENGG/PROJ/T-69/2020-21/CALL-2	
2	Supply, installation & commissioning of High speed automatic form, fill & seal twin head mechanical type pouch filling machine for milk pouch packing on buy back basis for packing section.	02 Nos.
	Tender No.: MD/ENGG/PROJ/T-70/2020-21	
3	Supply, Installation & commissioning of Nitrogen flushing chamber for Powder Plant.	01 Set
	Tender No.: MD/ENGG/PROJ/T-71/2020-21	
4	Supply, Installation & commissioning of Pressure reducing station for Boiler section (Range: From 10.5 kg/cm^2 to 3.5 kg/cm^2).	01 Set
	Tender No.: MD/ENGG/PROJ/T-72/2020-21	
5	Supply of grundfoss make water pumps for Boiler section.	03 Nos.
	Tender No.: MD/ENGG/PROJ/T-73/2020-21	
6	Supply, installation & commissioning of 550CFM capacity oil free Air cooled rotary screw air compressor with inbuilt HOC type Air dryer & accessories.	01 No.

2) Tenderers are advised to note the qualification criteria specified in Section VII to qualify for award of the contract.
3) Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement website. Interested tenderers may obtain further information at the same address. Mother Dairy will not be held responsible for the website problems if any, last date submission or non-receipt of the same.
4) Tenderer should pay the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), and tender processing fee, which shall be Paid online through e-Procurement Portal.
5) Other details can be seen in the tender documents.
Date of commencement of Tender Download: **10-07-2020.**
Last date for submission of Tender on or before **10-08-2020 at 17.00 hrs.**
Date of opening of Technical Tender: **on 12-08-2020 at 11.00am.**
Sd/-
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No. 11949 / BDA, Bhubaneswar Date: 08.07.2020
ALMT-V-91/2018
Notice Inviting application for participation in e-Auction
Bhubaneswar Development Authority proposes to sale 16 Nos. developed residential core house/flat of different sizes at Ananta Vihar Pokhariput, Gadakan C.S.Pur & Paikarapur Ph-I & II on "as-is-where is basis" through Online Auction to be held on **27.08.2020**. Further details may be seen and downloaded from BDA web-site **www.bda.gov.in.** Applicants interested in participating in the e-Auction for allotment of the above core house/flat may submit the application form online by 12.08.2020 with required details and by remitting the EMD. For details on brochure, please visit our web-site **www.bda.gov.in**.. or collect the same from the sale counter of BDA on payment of Rs.1,000/-(Rupees one thousand) only.
Online Application Starts: **11.00 AM on 09.07.2020**
Closes: **11.59 PM on 12.08.2020**
Details of Assets

Nam of the Scheme	Asset No.	Size of the Plots	Area	Upset price of the asset (in Rs.)
Ananta Vihar, Ph-II, HIG Duplex core housing, Pokhariput.	A/17	2400 sft. (60'x40')	2671 sft.	1,18,84,900.00
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	A/21	-do-	-do-	1,23,85,300.00
	A/22	-do-	-do-	1,24,27,000.00
	B/35	-do-	-do-	1,10.78,700.00
	B/36	-do-	-do-	1,10,37,000.00
Netaji Subash Enclave (Gadakan C.S Pur)	P-15		1440 sft.Super built up area	
	Q-12		-do-	72,51,969.00
	R-12		-do-	
	S-04		-do-	
Paikarapur, Ph-II (3BHK)	H-402		1704 sft.Super built up area (with car parking)	49,45,000.00
Paikarapur, Ph-II (2BHK)	E-301		1333 sft Super built up area (with car parking)	39,05,000.00
Paikarapur, Ph-I (2BHK) Type-I	A-101		1259 sft. Super built up area (with car parking)	34,48,000.00
	B-301			
	C-204			
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1.	**Execution of Civil Works involving construction of sand pad foundations for tanks and allied works on sub contract basis in connection with Construction of Steel Storage Tanks for POL Terminal at Dharamapuri, VDPL Project, Tamil Nadu NIT No.: B&R / MDS / HPCL - DHAR / NEW JOB / CIVIL WORK-PKG2 / SUB / NIT Dated 10.07.2020**	10.07.2020	24.07.2020

Interested resourceful Contractors may download the tender documents from Co's Website http://www.bridgeroof.co.in Corrigendum / Addendum, if any, shall be hosted in Co's Website http://www.bridgeroof.co.in only.

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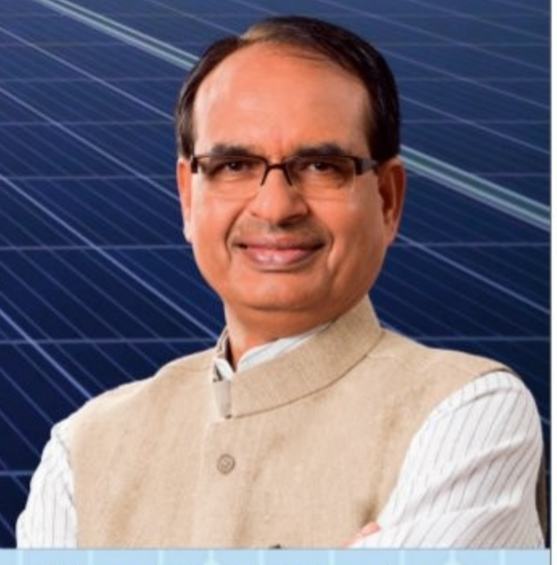

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